

Sundry strange

# PROPHECIES OF

Merline, Bede, Becket,  
And others;

Foretelling many things of consequence  
that have happened in *England, Scotland,*  
and *Ireland*, since these late Wars.

As also,

Many other PROPHECIES, foretelling  
several Invasions which shall be made by the  
*Hollanders, Danes, French*, and others, against this  
Commonwealth of *England*; and how, after many  
bloody Fights, they shall be all beaten back  
with great losse.

With many other remarkable Transactions  
which shall happen very suddenly.

*These Prophecies are very ancient, but not found  
till of late yeers, and never published before.*

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Authours following.

**S.** Tho. Becket, Tho. of Ayledown, S. Bede, Merline, S. John of  
Bridlington, Hoggen of Norfolk, William Ambrose, William  
Silvester, Tod. William Thaght Abbot of Ireland, Patriarch Ar-  
monie, Solomon, Mahomet of the Jews, Mahomet of the Pamines,  
Tho. of Inde, Alban the Monk, Malanchius, Alphan, Monasse,  
Banister of England, Tho. Savige, S. Hierome, John Drepensis:  
with others.

A Propbesie taken out of these Authors  
following.



*M*erline saith the time shall come, the moon shall over lead the sun; then univerfall Eccipses sowly shal fall; then the Royal blood shal be sowly over run, come up of nought shall beare the Ball, and soveraigntie shall stand in stall, and summer shall be to winter wox, then shall bafe blood bare the box.

S. Bede saith, sinne shall cause great trouble in every Land, and right shall not raigne in his inheritance. Seven deadly finnes shall be upholden, Falsehood shall proudly stand, and black clouds of ignorance, shall stop the sight of remembrance; truth and equity down shall be laid, for men shall their God forsake, and give themselves to misgovernance; in heart great sorrow then shall awake, for doubt of falling of vengeance, but ever worse and worse their life shall be, so that all Realms shall speak of thee, with death and dath in every Country; God shall so punish this Nation, with battel higge beyond the Sea, they shall be brought to desperation.

*Hoggen* saith, When *Roome* is removed into *England*, and every Priest hath Popes power in hand, when the holy Church is awlesse, and justice lawlesse, Gods flesh and blond common in eating and drinking, when the liberties of *Rome* shal be despised, and Pictures and Images cast away with great dispite at the faith; and more new Lawes used then ever was before, with much marvell to heare all Service in our own vulgar tongue, when wealth is walked, and into corners crept, and pride pricked on a palfrey, and love a loof is kept; when strangers are strawed in streets, and out-lawes are forborn, and foes be faiched as friends, and craft will not be known; when Chivlry is achieved by chance of Cards and Dice, and gentle is a jugling stock, and will is counted wise, when Knight is a Carter, and suted all in scarlet: and *Preece* the poore plowman, goes vacant as a varlet, when Shepheards keep their sheep, where tillage was the tyther, and labour is made a lusk by wrong that wily writier; when good Hospitality hath dawbed up his doores, and Yeomanry is yoked from *Marshes*, *Meeds*, and *Moores*; when Merchants are to many, and all the markets marres, and Law licketh her lips, and stareth on the stars; when Lords love well their liking, and coveteousness hath them caught, and Prelates prate like Pyes, or else they might get naught; when Clerks be taxed, and great Benefices have, with flattering and fawning their Prince they seek to please, and all against the lay people they do rave; then shall they cause the Commons to be in great diseafe. When seeneles sit in spiritual seats, as though that they annointed were, and shall find many fals and feate, and eke their lawes shall minister, God speed us then all well, for their sorrow wil be care to tell.

*Merline* saith, that in *England* shall be seen many strange things, as preaching of Traytors; great rain and wind, great hunger among the common people, great oppression of blood, great imprisonment of many men, and great battel; so that their shall be few or no quiet place to abide in; the Prince shall forsake men of the Church, Lords shall forsake righteousels, counsel of aged men shall not be set by, religious men shall be thrust out of their houses, the common people for feare, shall not know which way to turne them, Parents shal be hated of their Children, men of worship shall have no reverence of their inferiours, chastitie shal be broken with maidens, wives and widows, religious men and Virgins, with more ill than I can of tell, from the which, God us defend.

S. *Bede* saith, there shall be many Rulers and few righteous, many Knights and few true, many changes and mischiefs, and many lawes that be new, many changes and few good, many weddings, and few for vertue, many Priests that are full bad, for sinne they keepe all new. Also he saith, woe be to that Land, that is governed by an Innocent; for it shall be divided in it selfe, and have great oppressings and taxes most grievous, and sorrowfull, and through covetousnesse, many shall be brought to high degree, as well lay men, as Bishops, and other of the spiritualtie; and then shall one arise against another, in Cities and Towns corporate making constitutions, wherefore in the end they shall be left desolate, strong Maners and Castles shall be taken, and over thrown, and many shall be robbed and slaine, widdows and many chaste women shall be forsaken and defiled, every man of his neighbour, with most greatest theft shall be robbed and slaine, and one shall deceive another maliciously, and the vale of common profit shall be set aside, there shall be no unicie or friendship among men, but dissimulation, with parts taking on every side, strength shall upon every side work vengeance upon vengeance, and the vengeance of our Lord shall be general for men of the Church that should serve God, shall not be content with their stipends or spiritual Rents; Priests and holy women shall be put out of their Cloysters and monasteries, and the Rulers of the Church shall be deprived of their dignities, and compelled with crueltie and persecution to fly, they shall scatter and wander to be at rest, put to such a shift, that they shall repent that ever they were men of the Church, they would gladly abide in some desolate place, if they wist where, for their shall no man be set by, but if he encline unto wickedness and mischief.

Also there shall be pestilence most grievous which the Lord wil send, with the sword intollerable, to compel us to amend, holy orders shall be over thrown, the Sacraments shall be cast out, which were taken for most holy and divine, and monasteries shall be pillaged, robbed, and violently destroyed, for the word of God against the world threatened, shall be with vengeance against the multitude of judges, spiritual and temporal for your sinnes, the earth shall be miserably meeked with fear and dread, as well the common people as the great in the Realm, many Cities, Castles, and strong Towers, shall be thrown upsidowne, and common gaine shall not be had, the Sea shall cry and roar against the world, swallowing in many Ships, to the confusion of many men, the aire shall be made foul and corrupt, servants shall arise with contempt against their Lords and masters, to destroy and slay them, they shall consent with the common people, against the governours, both spiritual and temporal, and arise, fight and shed blood, without pittie, and the bodies of them that shall be slaine (be they never so noble) shall be buried in the streets and fields, for an example most odible out of heaven, many tokens and wonders shall be shewed, the Sun shall be darkened and lose his light three dayes and three nights, two moons shall be seen at once together, by the space of four hours and more, by the which shall be seen many a marvellous thing, stars shall fight together, which is a signe of destruction and slaying of men; also there shall be heart grudgings, mortalities, divers and suddain pestilence, and longer unable to be told, so that from the beginning of the world the like hath not been seen, the pride of noble men shall flake, the Churches doctrine shall perish, and all the stout Clerks thereof shall be cast down, but through the great meriey and pittie of our Lord Jesus Christ, the mallice of men shall cease, and be prevented, peace shall ensue by the praying, fasting, and offering of the poore; which shall cry to God for peace and mercy.

*William Ambrose* saith, treason shall labour fast with all her might, to keep right out of the Land, with Lawes and Ordinances by day and night, and no token of true love shall be found, ramping gallants with treason shall punish all about, and then make a sentence in justice of law, and cause many one to stand in great doubt, and after a cursed manner they shall ever draw, and against the right they shall ever maligne, and they shall loose their heads ever among, and they that bear the lanthorn shall lie in the mire, and the people shall wade

deepe



deep in sin, for the Pastors of the Church shal rest and sleep in blindness and simonie, and have great treasures in their Chests, and be secret with Ladies and others, and sport them in adultery, and say it is natural, causing many to sinne, and their audacity shal be great to cover their sinne withall, and the blind shal lead the blind till both fall in the ditch, and many one shal go wrong for lack of cleare sight, for where the foundation is not sure, down it goeth.

*Alban* saith, Prelates shal admit many counseils, not for any great devotion that is in them, but because they be replete with seven deadly finnes, and have little conscience, and lesse wit, they shal study about hawkes and hounds, and riot and gluttony shal be their guide; they shal be busie to bring the people to misery, they shal use inordinate vestures, against Gods Ordinance, as traytors to *Peter* and *Paul*, and Christ's Disciples, and seek by all meanes to bring the people from grace and vertue, and all good governance that should bring them to heavens blisse.

*Ted* saith, the great shal supplant the poore, and pill them daily, and keep them full low, and shal compel them daily to know falsehood, which shall be called true and right, and the great shal clime and win to have all, after their content to set aside a common welth, wherefore you *Saxons*, think not though God tarry a time, that the *Normans* and you both shal be driven away, the brutes of the first line shal enter again, and be ye never so loath, ye shal go from hence for your great sin, the brutes were the first, and shal be again dwelling in the Land, and with them shal abide all that is true blood, the brutes were driven hence for their great sin, and when they win lest, so shal the *Saxons*.

Then holy men desired to know, when these sorrows should begin, and what battels should be and how, who should loose, and who should win.

*A voice answered and said.*

When all sin is favoured without correction, and Lords wed their own kin, and men in God have no affection, when Priests and lay people be all one, in word and deed without any fear, and men shal not care what they doe, nor how they get their good nor where, and innocent in that time the Crown shal ware, and this time of trouble continue shal ful forty years ere it be ended all.

*Mesline* saith, when *E.* governeth the Crown, then goeth the Church with great sorrows even to the lowest, and then shal the spiritualtie, and temporalitie be mixed together, and the Church shal stand wait for a time, and shortly after wals shal bare harness, and to war go, and it shal be for the true faith of the Church, but it wil not prevaile yet, but great war and trouble shal there be, and shortly after the Church shal kindle.

In that time shal you see many an honest man without a Crown, because there shal be no signe of their Religion.

*Thomas of Ashdowne* saith, there shal be a deceitful Parliament, in the which shal be shewed much mallice which they can no longer keep in secret, which hath of long time before been prevented, and their shal be such controversies of opinions, that the Realm shal be in four parts, and with that voice wil arise the third part of the world against us, to punish us for the great abominable heresies and whordome of men of the holy orders.

*Mesline* saith, there shall be a Parliament which shal begin with beads and end with blowes, which Parliament shal have a sudden stop, for the Hare shal take the Fox by both the prick eares, and cast him into the castle of care.

Take heed when their shal be a privie hatred in *Marlions* Castle, between a Larke and a Raven, (*Wen of Beremouse*.) which shal begin in one day, but shal not end in thre years.

But in that year when there shal be a great counsil in winter, and in the summer following, the great and noble men of *England* shall be bidden to a feast, and truly among themselves they shall cry woe, woe, what shall we do, or whether shall we fly, but to a messenger of death.

But when the winter is green, as it never was by any Kings or Queenes dayes, the summer following, this Realm of England shall be in such a miserable case, as it never was since, the world began, for all Nations will be glad of our great destruction.

When Sunday goes by D. and C. and prime by 1. and 2. many wonders men shall see that seem not to be, brands and banners broken shall be, and Barrons their bugles blow, then shall the Rose sama'e dye, and after shall be no more

*William Ambrose* saith, in the moneth of *May*, when the prime is on, the lusty red Rose shall fall herleaves.

*Merline* saith, when A. B. C. is turned in to 9. and 4. and E. D. down laid, then shall England be ruined after an other hue. 1596.

Also he saith, between 6. and 3. who so wil understand, much wonder and woe shall be in Enbland. between 1596. & 1599.

*Hoggen* saith, when the prime is all one, all these things shall be anon; and between 4. and 7. much sorrow shall be wrought both by Sea and Land. between 1594. & 1597.

S. *John of Birdligion* saith, when D. cometh, and D. doth begin and not end, then English men take heed unto your selves for 1085. dayes; then shortly after all things shall come to passe according to Gods holy Religion, as it was in *Henry* the 4<sup>th</sup>s. time, then shall there be no more trouble in Brittain.

All Prophecies do conclude, that between 6. and 9. the wonders of England shall be seen between 7. and 8. many things shall begin; between 8. and 9. all the wrong shall be done and seen, and between 9. & 1. all shall be done. between 1596. & 1601.

When E. is gone, then English men take heed unto your selves, and make you ready to wars, for three years men shall wish them in heaven, or else under the earth, or in some place or cave to hide them in, the world shall be so unquiet; then shall be the third stand over all England, and shortly after all heresies shall be destroyed.

*Anne Ancest*, prophesied that England should be destroyed divers wayes; first by the *Danes*, adly by the *Normans*; and lastly, by them which they think the unworthiest men.

When E. is gone, there shall come into England 7 Kings powers; that is to say, the *Emperour*, the King of *France*, the King of *Spain*, the King of *Scott*, the King of *Denmarke*, the King of *Norway*, and the King of *Sweethland*.

Then peace shall passe, and war begin when Lordship letteth law, mis-rule a Realm shall part in twain, when Commons have no awe, the North shall rise against the South, the East against the West; then sortows on all sides shall be seen, till coverousnesse down be cast; for in every quarter of the Land men shall fight in divers waies, and know not how the right shall stand, but fight and fly, and make great frayes, in Sessions, for a soveraignes sake, old foers shall up be sought, the bettered baffes shall be put down, the best on lost be brought, holy Church shall hannes hent, and three years fight full eagerly, and never rest till the Rose be rent, in that time many a bold Barron shall dye.

F. D. with a double R. R. a bastard in wedlock born, shall come and think the Crown to obtain, but it is not he that shall have the best game.

But a B. of a Bastards birth, shall have the best game at the length, there shall come in with him a dreadful Dragon, a man of great fame; the Bastard shall be born in England, and shal bear in his armes a red Rose; he shall challenge the Crown for his right, the gilden Bul his livelode to put him from, the ninth of *Cadwalders* blood, by name C. he thinketh to put to great shame, and all his off-spring for ever more; a wicked woman shall be cause of the fame, the which shall long stand in the hands of the bare, or bore.

*Merline* saith, when there is two Popes in Rome. the Bastard shall be Crowned in London, and he shall dye in the holy Land.

Then shall come a Royal G. of a noble blood, and he shall obtain the Crown of England against all men, he is called the Bird of the Eagle, and the child which the chaplet bearing in his armes a black bloody Dragon.

*Hoggen* saith, a black Cow ( or Crow of a true line ) next of the blood of *Cadwalloer*, a true Flowerdeluce, which shal be loved of God and man, which is banished beyon't the Sea, shal come again through little Brittain unto *Albion*, and shal bring with him a young Prince, whose name shal be called *G.* of the best born blood in all the world, he shal be young and faire to see, and of the stock of *Jesse*.

There shal come with him an Eagle Royal having no peere, and the Bore, the green Griffon, and the Falcon, shall assist him in his journey; also he shal be supported by *France*, *Spaine*, and *Flanders*, with all their might, and the *Danes* shal come to the enterprise, and to all *England* light, a light, and all *South-Wales* with their device, to bring the true hewe to his right, they shal land at *Salwasand*.

Then a Bugle in *Wales* shal blow, that shal be heard over all *Albion*, to raise up his rachers, and run with open mouth to slay him that was never born, for the black Cow ( or Crow ) shal be the cause of that vengeance that shal fall in the *South*.

At the sound of the Bugle, many men both old and young with speares shal run Northward, to meet a Knight and call him King, that long in furies hath been.

*Merline* saith, the Bul that was banished to *Barwick* by the Rose and the ragged Staffe, shal range with great might and maine, at the advisement of the Lyon, but few men shal understand it, and he shal come again through the help of the red Lyon, and the *Lilly-flowe*, and shal be made justice from *Twide* to *Trent*.

A Buck shal rise out of the North-West, an insurrection shal he make, under whose standard shal be slaine, the beast called the gent'e Tal'bor, for the Backs sake, this insurrection shal begin against the whelps of a Griffon, which before it be, wil cost greit knocks; then shal raise a Lyon as a wood beast, by a down hunting a Woolf and a Fox, and seek how he may his foes molest, and make his enemies to have care of him; then shal *Jack Napes* laugh upon his clogges, that long hath been kept from his sport and game, and give judgement to cruel for a dog, and say to great Lords now game for game.

*Of Battels.*

The first Battel shal be at *Summer Hill*, besides *New Castle*, betweene *English* men on the one party, and *Scots* and *French* men on the other party, where the *English* men shal have the escape who can till a new year.

*Merline* saith, the *Scots* shal rise and make much adoe, but the Bul wightly shal purvey therefore, that they shal vanish and home again goe.

The next year after. *Phillip* King of *Spaine* shal come in with a great power betweene *Seaton* and the Sea, besides *Westchester*, where at his first Landing, shal be slaine on both parties, *Sm. m.* more then shal he come to *Gladsmore*, with the King of *Scots*, and the King of *in his company*, where they shal meet our Nobles with three great battels, where shal be slaine *Som.* and it shal not be known who shal have the better, on the morrow they shal meet againe on *Snappemore* thereby, where he shal be slaine and all his men; and the end shal be at *Sandiford-downe*, where their Ships shal stand seven years and more waving with the Sea some, so that Crows shal make their nests in them, and their steeds shal run waterless to the Mountaines, where their saddles on their backs shal hang, till their gins do rot in two.

The Emperour shal enter about the half of *July*, the Ships shal remain in way to bridges, and flashing in *Flanders*, at *Anwarpe* in *Brabant*, and at *Midilborough* on *Stilloy*.

Then cometh *Poole* out of *Rome*, and his power shal be so great, that he shal not cease til he come to *London*, where he shal fight a fore Battel, but no man shal know who shal have the better; on the morrow by the moon light they shal come to *London*, where shal be another Battel, betweene *Peter*, *John*, *James Gile*, and *Charing-Cross*; at which Battel he shal win *London*, and continue there a while doing his wil.

*Merline* saith, the flowing of the floods in *England*, shal cause great insurrection, and then he slay all beasts and fowls that you were at *London*, at which time the greatest estate shal be cast.

Then shal a Cardinal that was never worthy of that Estate, come to the Tower of *London*, ( where two floods shal meet together, that have been very long asunder ) and he shal take

one by the hand, and say come forth gentle brother, and tarry no longer, let us helpe our friends, for the time doth now require some hast, though the pools have been long dry in *England*, so that men might go over them with pinsons, the time is now come they shal flow over all *England* by Gods provisions.

Then shal the Royal G. with all his power come to *Stanesmore*. where he shal meet with the Pooles and the spiritualitie, and fight for his right, but his Enemies shal him withstand, at the Battel shal be slaine 3cm. Priests, and Priests Servants, which shal have shaven Crowns as their Masters, and made to believe that they shal dye Gods servants, then the Towne of *Stanes* shal run blood.

*Tod* saith, a Bishop the Crown shal have in Governance that never was born to that estate, the people on him shal aske vengeance, for he shal be cause of great debate; and then shal boyes faire Ladies wed, and by their goods shal Lords become, the cause that they with them shal bed, is want of men, whom wars have undone, he shal have steeds in stables fed, a Hawke to bare upon his hand, a lovely Lady to his bed, his elders before him had no land.

The Lyon with the red foot, shal arise with many an Northern Knight, and come to the battel on *Sansmore*, to meet a Bishop with a black Banner, where he shall espie the marlion and the moon, and the head of a Bull burnished in black; the Peacock with his pride shal come to them full soon, with the faire Fawcon and the fetherlock, there shal many a bold Barr ndye that day, the field shal be fought twelve hours Battal; the Grey, the Griffin, and the Gray hound, shal boldly that day bring the Lyon to bale: Then shal the Lyon roar prieveously for to heare, and turn him in to North succour for to seek, where the traitor of *Troy*, to him shal appear with three spear points on a shield.

*Woe be to him*, He shal bring with him a King of far North East, which shal be avenged on his enemies on every side.

*Hoggen* saith, a Serpent shal rise out of the North ungraciously, to conquer *England* unjustly, in the South Crown a King in a Town of the moon, and all between sixteen and threescore, shal rise to go with him.

*This Serpent is thought to be the King aforesaid, brought in by the Traitor of Troy.*

He shal be met at *Parrel Stone*, or *Penbroke Stone*, by the Woolf, between two crosses of stone, and the Woolf shal follow his chase to *Dunsmore*, where three Kings shal meet with such a Battel, that *Rainsebroke* shal run blond, and two Kings shal put the third to flight, and the Traitor of *Troy*, there shal be slaine by the Goate, and the Mole shal undermine, and overthrow the Woolf, and cut of his taile; then shal the Sun and Moon be cast under a cloud, and the Antelope with his great Horne shal there the fetherlock in three, and then all the fur cour of *England* shal abide at *Harlow* Cattle.

Then shal the Lyon with the red foot advance himselfe, and wish for the Carpe and the Cat, and say Saint *Andrew* be thy speed; then shal the Lyon go into the East, *Wales* and *Ireland* with him shal wend, to punish without pity he will not spare, happy is the Saxon then that can find a friend.

That ravening fowl, the black Raven, the King of *Scots* with the red hand, shal passe both by town and haven, and over go the Realm of *England*.

Then *Bessone Castle* upon a day, shal save through strength and might, all *England* from the spoile and prey, which else would be had of every weary wight.

Then a darfe Dragon shal rise in the West, out of his Den, with so venomous a taile, that when his head is in *Stafford* Town, his taile shal be in *Ireland*, their shall come with him a Buck with a beard, a Bare with a chaine, a red Lion ramping, an Addercope or Spiper, a Ship with an anchor gilt, a grey Woolf with a child in his mouth, a yellow Lyon holmite, a white bridled Horse, and a white Hare, which white Hare shal take the red Fox by both the eares, and drive him to the Castle of care, the which red Fox shal steale away at a tide, he shall be buried in the vaile of *Josaphat*, look for him no more.

Then the darfe Dragon with all his power shal come to a place between *Gloster* and *Wales*, where is a Crosse called *Charles Crosse*, standing in a Moore, besides *Severn*, where he shal fight a field, against the Bore and the Bastard, at which battel the Lyon, the white Grey-

hound, and the Griffin shal be slaine, with 30m. and the Royaltie shal change twice in one day, and their Horses shal go up to the fitlocks in mens blood.

Then a Raven; or Lyon, shal come over the Moore, and after him a Crow shal fly, to seek the more for a crosse of stone; but he shal find none, he shal light where the crosse should be, and hold his bill into the skie, and shed blood without pity, of doughty Knights that there shal dye, so that Ladies wel away shal cry, freely they shal fight that day, till the Sun be set in the West, no man in that field truly shal say which partie shal have the best.

Then the Lyon shal go to London, where he shal do much harme and destruction; then shal he go into *Norfolke*, where he shal be slaine by the Elephant.

Then beware the Crosse and crosses both, and all that have the crosse song, your wickednesse wil work your woe, though you stufie you never so strong, it shal be known to friend and foe, how that you have wrought long time with wrong, when the Lyon and the Greyhound be gone, of sorrow then shall be your song, and curse the time ye lived so long, it had been better to be undone, ye shal be cutted of old and young.

Then the crowned Lyon of *England* shal fly to the ground, for despising of the red, reluke the *Cross*, for surely the sword shal, and wil be the last plague.

It is said for prophesie, that the Cock of the North shal build his nest, and busk his byers to fly at the shortest day in the yeare, and shal play the Lyon, and he shal have battel with the Crab and win the field.

And after there shal be a great battel in *Flanders*, where shal be many Kings, and it shal be called the *Bloody Field*, at which battel, the Cock of the North shal have the victory, and that day the King of *France* shal be slaine, with whose Crown the King of *England* shal be Crowned.

Then shal *Spain*, *Italy*, and many other Lands, tremble and quake for fear of our King aforesaid.

S. Thomas Becket saith, A B. and A E. shal counsel the Lyon, and the Lyons then soon after in the North, shal cry three Cocks, and two shal dye anon, the third shal come in anger and wrath, and he shal crow three times so loud, so that all the fowles in the aire, with beasts in the fields, and forrests, with might and speed to him shal resort.

Then shal the Duck cry in the West, and mourn for the Sparhaw'e and grey Faulcon that shal be slaine in their nest; the Lyon and the Grey hound shal have little rest, for between 6. and 6. shal be the great black dayes.

Then there shal be a battel at the 7. Downs, where the Cock of the North, and the bay Horse, and the chief Lords pertaining to the Bul shal be slain; the red Rose and the Dragon shal be cut down, and the double R. R. shal no longer raigne, there the darfe Dragon shal win the field.

Merline saith, the white orred Rose, and the white Dragon, shal be so fierce upon the doughty Bul, with all their might and maine, that he shal be faine to fly to a Castle of stone, that he wil trust upon; Alas for shame, in his most need, all his men from him shal flie, and with the feet of his Mule, his flesh shal be torn, and the wealth of his offspring shal be turned to woe; the Cock of the North shal be faine to fly, his feathers shal be plucked on every side, and he shal curse the time that ever he was Lord, and shal be put down from all his pride, escaping sore wounded with many wounds w de.

After the battel aforesaid, the Dragon shal go to *Charing Cross*, and there he shal alight.

Then shal he overthrow *Fleets street*, *Fryday street*, *Bread street*, and *Fish street*; and he shal come to the brazen Pillar, and smite thereat three strokes, and shake his chaine, that all *England* shal tremble and quake.

Then shal his men go to a place called *Summer Hill*, or *Sand Hil*, where the Woolf and his Whelps, and the Raven, and his birds shal fall at variance, but the Woolf and his whelps shal destroy the Raven and his birds, and by an high way in an Island, by a Cross, of stone, the Raven shal curse the time that ever he was made Lord; the Woolf also shal be sore wounded, but he shal be succoured by the Trampot or Copping.

Then shal the Woolf rise against the Mole, and destroy him for ever, and the Sun and

Meon shal tread the star under foot, that so stiffly hath stand against them; and a white Lyon shal be destroyed, that shal come far out of the West.

Then shal be beheaded the Dragon, and the Elephant, and the Serpent that rose out of the North shal stand in *Helborne*, and bane the fire that begot him, and the mother that bore him, but there shal come great helpe to him.

*William Ambrose* saith, the Red Dragon shal cast his some at *Charing Crosse*, and the most part of Saxons shal be destroyed.

Then shal Land at *Milford Haven*, the widow of *Callabour*, whereat the brutes shal cry havock, and the shall go to *London* and besiege it three dayes and three nights.

Then there shal come out at *Ludgate* 30m. men, to break the siege, and shal go in againe but 3m. of them, and their shal the blew bore have the field.

Then shal the *French men* and *Welch men* meet cloth of silver, and of gold, on *London bridge* with their bows.

Then men shall run one upon another, the Son shal slay the Father, the brother the brother, so that the streets of *London* shall run blood.

Then shal the King to *Trey* untrue swiftly come, and with him the Eagle, the Bare, the Griffon, and the Faulcon, where 20m. widows shal weep for the death of their Spouses.

Then the gentle Faulcon shal aske a Petition, that *London* be not brought to confusion, there the Mullit shal sit in judgement 14. dayes, the Dragon, the Lyon, the white Swane, and the Elephant shal do execution upon the false Mayor, and 23. Aldermen, which shal be beheaded without mercy.

And a Lyon shal fall over the Tower wall, and there he shal dye among the commons, and all that be in the Tower, though they be of high blood, shal have but little grace.

Then shal the great Oak fall downe at a stroke, though he be never so high, and the wild beasts shal break all the sanctuaries in *London*, and fetch out all the sanctuary men to do pleasure at their own wills.

Then the Bore and the Bastard through *England* shal ride, and hold a Parliament where never was none before, all false Lawes they shal put downe, that were used in that Land, and truth to worke every man shal run, and all *England* for a time merry shal be.

Then there shall come four Palmers, which be marvellous to muse upon, when they be come, then the Bare that hath been so long tyed at a stake, shal break loose, and shake his chaine so loud, that it shal be hard over all *England*, the which before time hath caused great debate, but then shal be the chiefe cause of unirie.

*Merline* saith, a Bare shall sit and looke about, North, South, East and West, and say, sometime I ruled a rout, when the Lyon was locked and lay at rest.

The Eagle shal in Court stand, and think on the world that before hath been, and say here in earth to long I am living, for after my nature, in the aire faine would I flye.

The Amelophe shal rest him still under a tree, with his long hornes that be so keene, a mighty lock he shal in sunder file in three, that afore was locked, and shut hath been.

*S. Bede* saith, Oh *Albion*, neither the tempests of Heaven, nor Floods of the Sea, nor rage of hunger, nor pestilence shal destroy thee, but very treason it selfe, except Gods grace draw it away, for the falsenesse thou hast had so long and many a day, for a false contract of matrimony that be thy confusion, and a carnal Copulation shal be abusive; therefore have contrition of thy sins, for this is like to fall, for when the Bare is muffled, and may not bite, and when the Horse is fettered and may not smite, and when the Swan is sick and may not swim, then shal broad foot *England* win; a Battel shal be in the fields of *Northampton*, between the red Dragon, the Goat, and the Bull of the one partie, and the Bare and the Barrow Hog on the other partie, where the Dragon shal be taken, the Goat slain, and the Bul shal Rie.

Then P. shal come out of T. or C. and 3. great Battels fight with G. which shal last three years, so that no man shal know who shal have the victory, then shall be so strong, in that time shal be death and dearth.

Then shal Dykers and Delver dye for hunger, he that is not afraid shal fly, and he that is blind shal see, he shal be wise that cannot be wood, and he shall be rich that hath no good.



Then there shal be a battel at *Bury*, which shal meet at the *Cross of stone*, at which battel the Raven and the Mullit shal suffer their last paine, and many a Knight with their men that never home shal come, and the red Rose and the Dragon their some shal down cast.

When the King of *Scots* is slaine, the Faulcon shal fly into *Ireland*, and after forty dayes are past, he shal come again into *Wales*, and there shal he stay till 400. men be made ready, with whom he shal go to *London*, where shal be a great battel, at which battel he shal either be slaine, or else fly and come there no more.

*Merline* saith, there shal be married a widow, for whom there shal be a great and marvellous battel of Shepherds.

Also he saith, there shal be such variance between the learned and temporality, that the spiri- tualty shal cry 16<sup>d</sup>. a day, and make Proclamation, that all men shal fight on other side, to keep the holy Church from a fall, and they shal have badges on their breasts, and shaven Crowns as their masters, as though they were Priests.

They shal come with the Serpent to *Hounslow Heath*, to their most shameful death, at which battel the unbridled horse shal be slaine, and the battel shal last to *Charing Cross*, where the Drake of *Denmarke* so fiercely shal fight, that the Thames shal run blood, and *Charing Cross* shal be broken in sunder, and the battel shal go down to *Seaton*, and so to the Sea; the temporal men shal make the fray, but the shaven Crowns shal run away, through meadows, woods, and fields, and the temporal men shal follow the chase so hard, that the spiritual men shal be driven to cover their shaven Crowns with Cow dung, and thereby it shal be seen that they did not against the spiriualtie.

Then shal the proudest Prince, (*some booke say the noblest Prince*) in all Christendome goe through *Shropham Dale* to *Lopham ward*, where the white Lyon shal meet with him, and fight a field under *Ives minster*, at south *Lopham*, where the Prince aforesaid shal be slaine under the minster wall, to the great grieve of the Priests all.

*This Prince is thought to be the Serpent aforesaid.*

Then there shal come out of *Denmarke* a Duke, and he shal bring with him the King of *Den- marke*, and 16. great Lords in his company, by whose consent he shal be crowned King in a Towne of *Northumberland*.

*It is supposed to be Staff. rd Towne.*

And he shal raigne three months and odd dayes, they shal land at *Waborne stone*, they shal be met by the red deare, the Heath-cock, the Hound, and the Harrow, between *Waborne* and *Brankesbrim*, a Forrest and a Church-gate, where shal be fought so mortal a battel, that from *Brankesbrim* to *Cromer bridge*, it shal run blood, there the King of *Denmarke* shal be slaine, and all the perillous fishes in his company.

Then the Duke shal come forth, manfully, to *Claret Hall*, where the Bare and the headlesse men shal meet him and slay all his Lords, and take him prisoner, and send him to blanch flower, and chase his men to the Sea, where 200. of them shal be drowned without dint of sword.

Then shal come in the *French King*, and he shal land at *Waborne Horpe*, 18. miles from *Nor- wich*, there he shal belet in by a false Mayor, and that shal he keep for his lodging a while, then at his returne, he shal be met at a place called the Red banke, the place is 30. miles from *Westchester*, where at the first assay, shal be slain 90. *Welshmen*, and the double number of enemies.

Then shal there be great sorrow, for neither part shal have the better; on the morrow, the strangers shal desire a truce for three years, which peace shal continue but two May dayes, for betwixt the two Saint Mary dayes, when the time waxeth long, they shal meet again, on *Gladi- more*, where shal be fought so fore a battel, that 200. enemies shal be driven into the Sea; at which battel three crowned Kings shal be slaine, and the darfe Dragon shal be beaten dowie in a soord, and his head shal be cut off upon a stone by the Eagle, which shal be so weary of fighting, that he shal take an Island in the Sea, where he shal meet with a faire Lady, which shal bid him go back and help his men, that he left in battel; for which Ladies love he shal return a- gaine, and come to the battel in the Forrest of *Delamire*, in the countie of *Chester*, adjoyning to *Sundisford*, and shal enter into the battel on the side, where he shal fight so fiercely, that he shal make 20 standards to flye.

Armonie shal helpe him in that tyde, with the bare and the roaring hound, which shal ring both far and neere, and the white bridled Seed, which shal fight manfully that day against his enemies, to maintaine the double Role.

*Thomas of Astilowne* saith, at the battel on *Sandiford*, a proud Prince in the presse Lordly shal ligh, where many a good Knight shal be cast under foot, they shal meet on the morrow againe by the moon light, between *Season* and the *Sea*, where sorrow shal be wrought, there the Lyon shal be hurt, but not slaine, then shal he set upon the beast that him the wound wrought, then many flout Knights in the field shal dye, till the proudest in the presse with bale hath it boughr.

Then shal the Pickard and the py, the Fulmart, and the Fox, with al his friends, be taken and led to the Lyon, to abide the Law.

Also he saith, at the battel on *Sandiford*, three Kings shal meet, and one of them shal be slain, then shal the black fleet of *Norway* take the flight, and 20m. shal be drowned in the Sea.

The Bastard shal do many doughty deeds at the battel aforesaid.

Then shal the Eagle come on high and say, this field is ours this day; then shal aliens take flight out of this Land for ever and aye.

*William Ambrose* saith, there shal be *Danes, French men, Scots*, men of *Callabour*, and all Nations in this Land, to the Number of an hundred thousand, to destroy us and the dreadful Dragon, with the white Lyon, shal slay them all upon a day, and that shal be the last battel that we shal have the time of our life in this Realme.

Then Ladies build your houses of Lime and Stone, for after that your Realme shal never have full, for when the black flete of *Norway* is come and gone, and drowned in the Sea, much war in *England* hath been done, and after no more shal be.

*S. Bede* saith, a child with a Chaplet shal do a doughty deed, in hands he shal be taken at need, and to his blood ful neere be brought; he shal be saved that day from dread, by a Prince that hath no peere, who from all harm shal save the wight, that royally after shal raigne in his region.

After the battel aforesaid, two gentle Faulcons shal rise and go into the North, to destroy the North for their falleness, by Negromancy and Sorcery, and the Town of *D.* shal never bear power after, the well-willers of the Serpent shal be destroyed for ever, and the birds of the Pye shal be destroyed for ever, and all Parsons that have two Benefices shal have but one, and the religious people shal forbear temporal Lands, and there shal no parson be steward in a Lords house, but live upon their Benefices.

Then a swan shal swim in a high ground, a white tyre shal ride by his side, a knot shal be mknit in the stound, the Lion shal loofe it with his pawes wide, a dead man shal rise and suddenly ride, and say readily, the Lawes shal proceed, a white Tyre shal ride by his side, and of his stern looks many take heed; then *Thy* untrue shal tremble and quake, and they shal cry out and alas, but shortly their myrth shal awake, with great plenty of joy and solace.

Then shal *Carnarvan* victoriously the blood of *Cadwalder* call, and bring forth the Knight of three natures, and to his comfort God shal send, the man that is dead and buried in sight, and he shal make accord between two Kings envious, and shal set the Heire in his very right; then shal all the treason be opened, and in this Knights dayes all forrows shal be ended.

*Merline* saith, the Brutes shal florish again, when the Realm is most replenished with people, and worst in order, then shal there breed venome, rancour and mallice between Lords Sons, and thereby the Lords where they be most together, wil be venomed; and when the poore Brutes do complain, and cannot be heard, when whelps do bark, and English Foxes preach English to be veritie, howsoever they work then is time to beware.

Also he saith, when the Church is dispoiled, and the true servants of God do come to holy Church, and find it empirie without the Sacraments of Christ, neither may see images and pictures, then shal the English Wolves bear punishment, and the ill people shal take shame, and God shal turne his hand with an hundred hands, and then the Crowned Babe which shal kil his mother, and yet shal have her blessing and mine, said *Merline*, shal be transferter of the *Welchman* of *England*; and he shal be called by the Brutes, the gentle King of the broad foords.

In the year 1553. the maiden King conveyed shal be, and in the year 96. then shal rise the joyful *see*, for *see* was lost, and *see* was found, and *see* was buried in the ground, and *see* that was lost in 2. shal come again in 6. next.

*Merline* saith, the King of the *Romans* and *Greeks* shal come in with great fury, and *R.* shal revive out of his sleep, as a man alive, whom all men thought to be dead.

Also he saith, a dead man shal rise and recover *Brittain*, which shal take hurt of the North, heaven be his comfort, and he shal govern them by grace. The *Brutes* bloud shal rise with him that long hath been down; and a Lion shal come with him, which shal present himself to be borne in *Brittain*. The moon shal rise with them out of the North-west, in a cloud as black as the colour of sables. Then shal a Lion be loosed, the boldest and the best that was in *Brittain* since *Arthurs* daies.

They shal come and amend all wrongs that have been done before; and the Lion shal take possession in his rightfull inheritance, and so it shal continue in the crown of King *Cadwaller*.

*William Silvester* saith, when the dead man doth sit in his room, then shall the world turne upside down; and *Troy* untrue shall tremble and quake for dread of the dead man, when they hear him speak. And then shall grace grow to every man, and all men shall enjoy the dead mans resurrection, but especially men of good religion.

Then shal they passe forth unto *Pauls*, where the dead man shall say on this wise, This matter hath stood long in great doubt, therefore arise up *R.* that true heire is, and crown *G.* the son of *R.* Afore this come to passe shal be much ado; for the Bull and the Red Rose shall stand in great strife, they shal cause *England* to be in much woe, and many a man for them shal lose his life, so fiercely between them the battel shal go.

Then foure Beasts shal knit their tails together, an Antilope, a Lion, a Beare, and a Horse, and with the help of the Lybard and the great Eagle, they shall crown either *E. I.* or *G.* and set all things in peace and rest.

An anoynted King then shal arise, and rule his men with one of *Cadwalders* blood; then plenty and soyson shalbe in *Brittain* for many a yeer.

When a Maiden shalbe wedded in her smock, to a Lion seemly in fight, then shal the true faith come to light, holy Church shal again receive her right, but first so many shalbe slain, that five Ladies shal follow one *Swayne*, the *Saxons* shalbe so scarce.

When falshood and treason in every Land is known, and baillard blood destroyed, then shal right reign with grace in *England*, and fortune good therein shall abide. But sure ere this be brought to passe, huge numbers of men shalbe the lesse.

When the moon cometh in the white of harvest, by the comforting of the star light, then shal people cal forth on every side. Truly, within a while after shalbe three great battels. Go not to two of them, but go to the third who will. The first shalbe at *Stranmore*, where Aliens shal light, where shalbe slain many a false Knight. The second shalbe at a Town called *New Troy*, where many a man shal die. But when the third cometh, rise with the people in the same country, although it seem all men should die; for then the captains shall take a truce, that every man shall go home into his own country.

Then shall the Sun and Moen shine full bright, that many a day full dark hath been, and keep their course both day and night, with mirths moe then man may mean; and the Lion and the Lionesse shall reign in peace for ever; for then all wars in *England* are brought to an end, and God shal poure his grace upon all men so that sin shalbe exiled.

Then great Lords shalbe of counsel, and the King shal cal a Parliament, wherein he shall make a Cousin of his own protector of the Realm.

Then shal he cal to his presence the Prelates, especially the Primates, to set the Realme in peace, and the Church in tranquility, and to give good example to the poor, and to the estates.

Then shall the King go over the sea towards the *Holy Land*, to fight for Jesus sake, that died for our sin. He shall do three great battels at *Harle-i*; then shal he go to *Paris*, where they shal yeeld to him all the keyes of the city; and he shall bring all *France*, *Normandy*, and *Spain* into subjection, so that they shall pay him yearly tribute; and he shall conquer all *Christendom*, and much of *Heabeneffe*, and shalbe crowned Emperour.

*These following have prophesied of a King that shal win the holy Crosse.*

*Tbot* of *Inde* saith, the victorious King shal come out of *Denmark* with *Danes*, and he shal dechime the laws for the space of three daies and three nights, and his name shalbe *Edward*.

*S. Tho: Becker* calleth him a virgin King. *Merline* calleth him a babe of three natures; that is to say, true in heart to *England, Ireland, and Castile.*

*Tho: the Hermit* calleth him a King of Heads; that is to say, a King of main Hoasts and main Kingdomes.

*William Silvester* calleth him wretchlesse; that is to say, there shall be so many theeves, wretchlesse and lecherous, at his beginning, that he shall have much ado to ~~reue~~ reuer the m.

*Alban the Monk* calleth him a Lion of the aire, which shall take his flight to *Rome*, and shalbe Emperour of *Rome*, and his name shalbe *Edward.*

*Alphon* calleth him a westerne Beast, which shal display the black Bul with the gilt horns, first in the East, and in his daies shal be destroyed the Friers Preachers for their untruth; and he shal win a great part of the world, and make free way to the *Holy Land*; and in his time shalbe many tokens of *Anichrist*, and many other marvellous things.

*Malanchius* an Hermite of *Ireland*, calleth him the sixth King of *Ireland*, which wil not be governed by any man, but by God and himself; and in his daies shalbe destroyed the Friers Minors for their untruth. And he shalbe called *Edward.*

*Monasie* calleth him an Eagle which shal overcome six crowns; and he shalbe crowned Emperour, and in his daies shalbe destroyed the Friers *Augustines* for their untruth; and his name shalbe *Edward.*

*Tho: Savage* calleth him a Unicorn which shal never turne his face from his enemies, nor never by treason be betrayed.

*David* in his Psaltery calleth him the Son of man.

*Banister of England* calleth him a bore of a cleane vessel, that shal never be defiled nor ashamed; in his time much of the Church of *England* shalbe punished for their false diffimulation.

*S. Hierome* the Doctor calleth him a Dragon which shalbe christened in no Font, and so was neuer none of the Conquerors but he; and he shal tread under his feet the king of pride; and he shal go to the *Holy Land*, and his name shalbe *Edward.*

*S. John of Bridlington* calleth him the delectable Rose of *Rome*, which shalbe Emperour of *Rome*; and by him the Pope and all his collodge of Cardinals shalbe brought to the lives of the Disciples of Christ, so that they shal go bare foot and bare legged, and without shirts, or money in their purses. And he shal win the holy crosse, and bring it into *France*, and shal make universal peace over all the world, and he shalbe buried by the three Kings of *Cullen.*

*John Dreyensis* calleth him the cock of the true *Bruers*, which shal maintain all truth and destroy all falshood, and he shalbe called *Edward.*

*S. Bede* calleth him a Lion which shal win the holy crosse, and by him much of the church of *England* shalbe punished for their false diffimulation.

Also he saith, the Lilly shalbe moved against the seed of a Lion; and he shal come to the land of the Lion, looking for help, for the Beasts of the Countrey hath also torn his skin. Then there shal come an Eagle out of the East, and his wings spread with the Sun; and a great multitude of his chickens to help the Son of man.

Then there shalbe great wars over all the world, and in a part of the Lion shalbe great battel among many Kings; and that done, shalbe the bloody field, and there the Lilly shalbe slaine, and lose his crown, the which crown the Son of man shalbe crowned withal; and afterward within foure years following there shalbe many battels for the faith, and the most part of the whole world shalbe destroyed, and the head of the world shalbe made to stoop; but the Son of man with the Eagle shal prevail, and then shalbe universal peace throughout all the world, and there shalbe plenty of all manner of fruits.

And the Son of man shal take a marvellous token, and shal go to the land of behest; and then all the first causes shalbe fulfilled for evermore.

*Solomon* saith, the Eagle shalbe Lord of six crowns, and he shal declaime the Pope and his laws; and then shal men of the Church teach and preach the Word of God, going barefoot and bare legged, for dread and love of God; and they shalbe lanthorns of light to the world.

*Ths. of Astedowns* saith, that the Eagle of the true *Brute* shal set all *England* in peace and rest, both spiritual and temporal, and every estate in their degree. And then men of *England*

*Merline* saith, he that shal win the holy crosse shalbe a virgin King, which shal come of two virgins by the miracle of God, and he shal destroy the bastard blood.

*William Abbot of Ireland* saith, that *I.* or *P.* shalbe called King of the sea throughout all *Christendome*; and he shal come out of the west, and shal bear in his arms three wilde beasts, one of the beasts shal come out of *Ireland*, another out of *Wales*, and the third from *Charing-crosse*.

In this Kings daies God shal ordaine a Pope, which shalbe a most holy man, and he shalbe of the Order of persecutions, and shalbe crowned by Angels, and in the holy faith he shalbe led, and the brethren that shalbe with him of their persecution, shal reform all the world in the true Religion; the people by his holy life shal bring the world into the first and prellinate estate of living; that is to say, after the form of the Disciples of *Jesus Christ*; and by him all men shalbe reduced into the Church, and they shal al dread him, and follow him diligently for his vertue. The wicked lives of Princes he shal correct, and many untrue to the faith he shal turn, and namely the *Jews*.

Then the King shal go to *Rome*, where at his coming he shalbe met by the Pope and al his Cardinals in their best array, with procession; and three crowned Kings shal kneel to him that day to do him honour.

This most holy Emperour shalbe a maiden both in soul and body, for he shalbe ordained of God, and he shal bear a crosse wherewith he shal be born; and he shal have another he's, which shalbe a red signe in his face, which shalbe to him an helper, and obedient at his commandment, every where to reform the state of al the world.

Through these two holy men, the Pope and the Emperour, al the world shal sit at peace for evermore, and al men shalbe delivered from oppression, care, and sorrow, and from their enemies, for the wrath of God shal cease, and right Laws shalbe used, and love and charity shal reigne.

Then many of the spirituality shal bring him to the *Rhodes*, where he shal fight with his enemies, and win them on every side; there shal avails them no earthly power, neither Castle, Town, nor Tower, and he shal slay the *Turke*, and win al *Greece*.

Then shal he go to *Jerusalem* as a conquerour of might, where he shal fight seven battels, and have the victory.

Then shal he win *Jerusalem*, and much of the *Heathens*, and shal reedifie *Jerusalem* with Christian people.

Then shal he visit the Sepulchre where *Christ* was laid after he suffered death for us.

Then shal he go to mount *Sinai*, where *S. Katherine* was buried, but before he seeth that sight, three Kings shalbe slain.

Then shal he go to *Babylon*, where he shal bring many to their deaths.

Fifteen daies journey from *Jerusalem* he shal win the holy Crosse, and bring it into Christian mens hands.

Then in haste shalbe sworn to him twenty *Heathen Kings*, which dare not him withstand, which he shal cause to be christened.

Thirty two heathen Kings shal he overcome.

Then shal he send the rich relique, the Crosse, to *Rome*, with great honour and reverence; at the coming whereof, al the bells in the city shalbe rung, and the Pope with his Cardinals shal meet it with procession; and al the Senators of *Rome* shal kneel down all at once, when they see that holy sight.

When he hath sent that rich Relique the Crosse to *Rome*, then shal he go back again to *Jerusalem* with many a Christian Wight, and in the Mount of *Olivet* he shal offer up his Crown and Scepter to Almighty God; and in the Vale of *Jehosaphat* he shal die in batrel or fight, when he is 33. yeers of age; and God shal take his spirit into heaven.

Many of the Prophets say, the delicate Rose shal die in his mothers belly.

*Ths. of Ayledowne* saith, the fathers of holy church shal cause the Rose to die in his own Font wherein he was christened.

Then twenty two christened Kings shal take that worthy Wight, and bring him with all speed to *Rome* before the Pope; at his coming into the City all the bells of their owne accord shall ring without the help of mans hands.



Then shal they carry his Croffe into *S. Peters Church*, where the Pope shal make himself ready to bury it; but al the Clerks in *Rome* at once shal not be able to stir the Beere with their hands.

Then the Pope, with many a King, and Cardinals great plenty, shal carry him to *Cullen*, where the three Kings lie that offered to *Jesus*, after he was born in *Bethlehem* of the blessed Virgine; there the Pope shal bury that holy King with his own hands, among the three Kings.

Then shal *Salisbury* say to *Melchior*, Make a roome, courteous Knight, our fourth brother is here.

When this worthy Emperour is buried among these Kings; then by the miracle of God, a grate of gold shal rise of the own accord about them, of a wonderful manner.

And as there be nine orders of Angels, and mankinde shal make the tenth; even so there hath been nine conquerors, and this victorious King shalbe the tenth, the worthiest and the last.

Then the Pope shal bleſſe al the Lords of *England*, who shal take their leave of him, and of al the other Kings; and they shal take the sea, and come with speed into *England*, where the people shal weep and wring their hands, when they hear this noble King is dead.

Then shal they crowne his cousin King in *London* with great solemnity, which he made protector of the Realm (who shal usurp the crown in his absence) and he shal reign nobly fifty five yeers over *England*. Some books say but forty yeers.

And the Pope shal continue by the help of the Highest, and reform good until the coming of Antichrist.

*Mahomet* of the *Jews* saith, that *E.* shal weare the crown of *England*, but he shall not continue long.

*Mahomet* of the *Panimes* saith, that *E.* shal weare the crown of *England*, and he shal continue long, and after him shal never be King of *England*.

In *March* the Lawyers wil have great rule, and after the Spirituality wil have the same; in the latter end much mischief wil be wrought; at *S. James* tide wil begin a fray; take heed at *Michaelmas* who shal bear the blows away; but ere it be *Althollam* tide men shal cry wellaway; for between the chief of summer and the sad of winter happen shal wars.

A *Christmas* shalbe clo hed in white, then shalbe shewed in sight, great doleplay in tokening of light to be at *Canillmas*; when churches be light; then a new recoming shal you see.

The shortest day and the longest night that is found in al the yeer, there shalbe chalenging in sight, with great desire to see and heare.

There shalbe a wondrous (or wet) summer, a wet (or windy) harvest, a weary winter, with walking of Knights, and after shal be a bloudie lent; but truly after that we shal have good daies, for by *Maudlins* day al wars shalbe at an end.

When every man said it would be war, then *Affledown* thus prophesied he, and said, in *England* it should not dure when seven yeers come and gone be.

The Lilly with his fresh flowers shal shrink in his horns, al other Lands then shalbe wroth, and within a while after al the fowls of the fryth shal follow after him.

*These Arms shal prosper in England.*

A black cow or Crow of a true line, that shal rise in the blood of *Cadwalder*; a Gentleman is he, blessed of God, a true Flowerdeluce, that many a day hath been banished beyond the Sea. The splayd Eagle. The black Eagle, which hath no peer. The Bear. The Bull of *Westmerland*. A bastard in wedlock born, in his Arms a red Rose. The dreadful Dragon red. The red Lion ramping in a sure seat. A Bear out of the South. A Swan. A bridled Steed. A Unicorne. A Libard. A Falcon. A Griffin. Three Marllions. A childe with a Chapler, bearing in his arms a black bloudy Dragon. *Corona Gaudebit*. A flaming Falcon by the strength of the great Eagle. *These aforesaid shal have their lives and victory.*

*These following shalbe slain.*

A King. A King upon a stone. The doughty Bore shal faile of his might. The red Fox, and the friends of the Fox. The Woolf. The Picard and the Pye. The Fulmart. The Mole. The Horse with the saddle shal lose his head, or the unbridled horse. The Unicorn. The Bull shal lose his ragged head besides *Wakefield*, on the green. The Griffin. The Libard, the Fox, the Hare, and the Rose, shal lose their heads all upon a day. The white Greyhound.



## A

Antilope, *Henrie 8.*  
 Ancour Gilt, L. of *Lincolne.*  
 Ape clogged, *Suffolke.*  
 Ancour, L. *Admirall.*

## B

Bull black with the Gilt homes, *Clarence.*  
 Bull dun { all the *Niils.*  
                   *Westmoreland.*  
                   L. of *Burgoyne*  
                   L. *Lattimer.*

Bullock, or yearling, L. of *Southampton.*  
 Bulls head black, L. *Hastings.*

Bore { Whit, *Windfor.*  
           blew with the *Mullis, Oxford.*  
           *Devonshire.*

Bucket and chaines, L. *Wells.*

Bugle, L. of *Shrewsburie.*

Butterflie white, L. *Audley.*

{ and ragged staffe, L. of *Lester.*  
 Bare { black, *Warwicke.*  
           white, *Kent.*  
           *Norway.*  
           head muffed, L. *Morley.*

Buck, *Richmond.*

Buck with { *Buckingham.*  
               a beard { L. *Stafford.*

Roe Buck, L. *Monacus.*

Bulls head raced silver, L. *Wharton.*

Buls head raced gold, and coloured and horned Red, L. *Ogle.*

Blanch flower, the *Tower*, or else *Winfor Castle.*

## C

Carres 3. Crowned, the duke of *Callabour.*

Cockle, *Denmarke.*

Cresset of fire *Flamand, Exeter.*

Cressant, *Northumberland.*

Cock of *Brittaine*, is he that shall win the holy Crosse.

Cock, *France.*

Coney or Hare black, L. *Bray.*

{ L. *Exers.*

Car { of the mount, L. of *Worcester.*  
       of the mount, L. *Buckhurst.*

Cheestaines head, L. *Shandose.*

Crosses { Archbishops.  
           and Bishops.

Cart, Nath. *Buckingham.*

Condyt, with Lillie, *Damel of Devonshire.*

Cornish chough, one *Tredeman.*

Camel, E. of *Worcester.*

## D

Dragon black bloody, the child with the

Black, *Wiltshire and Clifford.*

Red { L. *Clifford.*  
       L. of *Cumberland.*

## Dragon

Green, *Pembrooke.*

*Kent.*

Whit, L. *Rich.*

Blew { *Desmond.*

{ *Marquesse of Northampton.*

Flying, L. *Cumpton.*

## E

Ermine wild, the *Quee. e.*

Red, *Cambridge.*  
 with splayd wings, *Kent.*

Eagle { and child, *Derty.*  
           Green, *Salisbury.*  
           black splayd, the *Emperour.*  
           black, L. *Norris.*

Elephant { L. *Beaumont.*

{ L. *Sands.*

Elephant, Sir *Francis Knowles.*

Elyx beast, *Ex. er.*

## F

Flower-deluces 3. *France.*

Phenix { L. of *Hertford.*

{ *fuming Rex.*

Fisher hooke, *Falcon bridge.*

Fisher leap, L. *Willim.*

Fox { Red, *Glyster.*  
       the Bilhop of *Wincchester.*

{ To ke.  
 { the *Matquesse of Wincchester.*  
 Falcon { Armine collered, L. *Brough.*  
           L. S. *John.*  
           L. *Zouch.*

Fetterlock one *Rosser a Cornish man.*

Fooles head, E. of *Barb.*

## G

Gripe foot, *Stanley.*

Gote, L. of *Bedford.*

{ great *Rex.*

Greyhound { L. *Clinton.*

{ Whyt, *Drurie.*

Greyhounds head, L. *Rich.*

Griffin, L. *Wenr orth.*

Gripand, the *French King.*

## H

Head of the world; the *Pope.*

Harp, *Ireland.*

Hard { L. of *Essex.*

{ Viscount *Montague.*

Whyt, Sir *Walter Rawley.*

Hounds head { L. of *Essex.*

{ L. *Rich.* and Viscount *Essex.*

Hare { Whyt, Exeter.  
black, L. Bray.  
Whyt, Herbers.  
Horse white, *Frandal*.  
Hedgehog, Sir Henry Sidney.  
Hind, Sir Christopher Hutton.  
Hornes 2 of Silver, L. Chayney.

L

Lillie, the King of France.

Lock, *Suffolke*.

Lion { Blew, *Denmarke*.  
Of Gold, the Tower.  
Red Rampant, the King of Scots.  
Whyt passant, E. of March.  
Whyt Rampant, *Norfolk*, and all the  
*Hawards*.  
Whyt Passant in red, L. Lyle.  
Whyt Rampant, L. Barkley.  
and wheat Sheaf, L. Burley.  
Flanders.  
Of Gold crowned, Viscount Bindon.

Libards head, *Suffolke*.Land of the moon, *England, Wales, and Ireland*.

M

Marvellous signe, the Holy Crosse.

Mole { Whyt, *Morizimer*.  
*Westmoreland*.Moone { halfe *Northumberland*.  
the Temporalitie.

Millfayle. L. Willabee,

Maiden head { *Buckingham*  
& body, L.  
Darcie.

Marlions 3. Hogen of Wales.

Morlians head, L. *Mordam*

P

Port Cullis. { *Sommerfet*.  
*Wales*.  
L. of *Worcestrr*.Pye { L. Ryvers.  
*Philips of Wales*.Pawer, *Sommerfet*.Pellican, L. *Cromwel*.Peacock { E. of *Ruiland*.  
L. *Rofs*.Plum of Feathers { E. of *Lincolne*.  
*Azure*, L. *Scroop*.

Pickard, L. Rivers.

R

Rar, L. of Bedford.

Raven { Whyt, *Cumberland*.  
Black, the King of Scots.Raven black, rise up *Thomas*.Red Rose, the Castle of *Clifford*.

Rose in the sun beams, L. Warden of the sports

S

Swanne { *Buckingham*.  
*Gloster*.  
*Harford*.  
*Hunsdon*.  
L. *Stafford*.  
Son of man, the King of *England*.

Sonne { France.  
the Spirituality.  
the castle of *Clifford*.  
L. *Willobie*.  
*Torke*.

Sonne of the Lyon, the Duke of *Flanders*.

Staffe { white ragged, *Warwicke*.  
black ragged, *Kent*.

Starre { L. of *Suffex*.  
L. *Fickwater*.

Spear heads { *Pembroke*.  
*Herbers of Troy in Wales*

Sarasons head, L. *Audly*, L. *Cobham*.Serpent, the King of *Spaine*.

T

Talbor, L. of *Shrewsbury*.

Tyger. { L. *Mountague*.  
Greene, L. *Chayney*.  
Blacke, L. *Pagget*.

Tygers head. { Sir Francis *Walsingham*.

Troy, London, { black, Lord North.

V

Vnicorne. { *England*.  
blew, Knight of the Sea,  
white, L. *Winfor*.  
and starre, *Dorset*

W

Water budget, { one *Rowfyr* a  
Wine bottel, { *Cornish man*.

Wheat Sheafe { Exeter,  
Supported by two Lyons,  
*Burley*.

When ghostly unkindness in a wel shall be wrought, fortified by K. all goodnesse abused, all wayes set by is vertue, right naught, by them in *England* much grace is refused, when the Church with injuries is boldly refused; a Babe shal make businesse, with beasts bold fighting, reclaiming his right that many have refused; but yet the blew Bull keeps over thy high; then the Bare and the Woolf shall them truly plight, but more for feare, then for true fidelity;

his wretched living will not long be kept under, for God of his grace wilto his lovers send, that pomp and pride in *England* may have an end, and all vicious living which long hath been used. Besides a sand many lives shalbe spent, and al for a Babe, the which shalbe refused; for when *A.* is transposed from his old dignity, and *B.* beginneth the Christs crosse row, be the Rulers of the Realm never so bad, and feared by a *R.* blast they shalbe soon overthrow. Then a Duke shal him dresse ful gentle of minde, the church to maintain wiftn noble mood, and betwixt *R.* (or *S.*) and *G.* his enemies shal him finde, of whom many crowned shalbe with the sword:

Then the house shalbe set up, that before was pulled down; but yefore with trouble it shalbe wrapped, til a cursed cative misse of his grain, because he so cowardly bound him to fight; when his towers are well trimmed, and with pinacles set, though the mole in the ground have all his fill, then blessed be the maid, that all strife must still, which is loth to begin, if that would amend in any space, for covetousnesse and lechery cannot alway be still, where vertue and virginity have had the preheminance, and pride and profit cannot both remain.

In *Britain*, that Isle that men call *Albion*,  
Great harms are like to light him upon;  
A Bear foule and grifly great harm shal begin,  
And maintained footly he shalbe therein.  
A Dragon all blew his side shal oft take,  
But at the last truly he shal him forsake.  
O gentle Talbot beware well thy head,  
For sure a green dragon shal put thee to dread.  
An Eagle, all bird-like, shal fly fast about,  
To help thee from them that beare so huge a rout;

A Falcon in mewe shal her self needs be,  
The Phenix sel feining shal cause many a weeping eye,

The white horse with leaping shal make an end  
Of that foul Beare, which God him soon send.  
But Dragon al blew, a fal shal thee betide,  
For wander thou shalt without any guide;  
But yet a wooll shal help thee again, (pain,  
And a cock of the North shal ease thee of thy  
A budget of water shal ful humbly bring,  
A flock at his tayle to save his liege king,  
The which shal lye weeping without hall or bower,

A place for him unmeet, but on a bare floore.  
Alas then *Albion* thy beauty wi be spent (menc.  
With strangers and tyrans thou shalt be tor-

Of these verses writeth a Frenchman, that *dunitor mundi* shal come out of the seed of *Henry* the first in this form: There shalbe a crown upon the head of a Lion, and his lineage shal descend from the *Brutes* by the blood of a woman, viz. of the wife of *Henry* the first, which was daughter to *S. Margaret* Queen of *Scott*, gotten by king *Malcolme*, which *Margaret* was the daughter of *Edward* the son of *Edmond Ironside*, which descended lineally of *Ivelgild*, or *Ingold*, brother to king *Jer.* king of the west *Saxons*; which king *Jew*, and *Ingold*, were the children of the daughter of the son of the noble king *Cadwalder* the *Brute*, lineally descended from *Brute*, and by the mean of the blood of the daughter of *Malcolme*. Some writers call him *Scott*, for that the same *Malcolme* was king of the *Scotts*.

The Rose in his reign shall have bartels five, the black called in prophesie; he shall finish them and be man alive, for against his priviledge neither manhood nor might may prevail. And who so, understandeth this prophesie aright. After he is in peaceable possession, he shall subdue three kings, and put them in subjection. *France* shall waile and cry alas, cursing the time of their na-

Then govern wel your selves Ladies in bower,  
For you and your maidens they shall most devoure;

True love and wedding they shal then forler,  
And lemons for wives each wight wil him get.  
The king a pure maid shal hint in his minde,  
His play-fellows shal him seek, and shal him not  
And of a Lady shal he beger a flower (finde.  
That shal command kings at every hour. (fun,  
The great tokens shalbe seen in the moon and  
Al bloody shalbe the fields where rivers might  
run.

A *P.* shal guide the king as he list every way,  
But he shal lose his head for his traiterous play,  
And many moe traytors he shal spie out at the  
last,

But smal redresse shalbe made, things being so  
past.

Then hanging and drawing thou shalt stil see,  
And much ado to see things that before us be,  
But at the last God shal him help every way,  
And set al things in good order and stay.

Then maidens lie within your strong wal,  
For after this your realm shall never have fal.  
But til these signs be seen, and these deeds be  
done,

Rancour shal reign and rule under the sun.

quer Realms three. As head of al knights he is the best, and chief of al chevalry, and flower of conquest; the battel of *Estomp* shal he do, add there win land and great honour; and into *Heavens* then shal he go, and suffer many a bitter shower, but by grace of our Sovereign he shal escape and have the victory, and there take and win the crosse holy. And when he cometh to the age of 33. he shal passe to God with great magnificence, and in *Cullen* buried shal he be, and among al Saints have his residence. Al men to this give credence; for this is true prophesie of Saint *Thomas Merline*, *Bede*, and *Jeremy*.

Above al places that *Merline* maketh mention, take heed to his talking, where he telleth you how a Lion shalbe banished, and to *Berwick* gone; the Rose and the ragged staff shal follow by frythes and fields; then a stout knight in a stound a Bugle shal blow, to raise up his rachets, and come with open mouth to seek him that was never born, and the black Crow, because of vengeance that shal fal in the south. A white Lion under the moon shal ramp, and rise with sails to the sea his own death to seek. The young bul and the bastard shal play at the bace, and the Bore and the Bear shal the Lion meek; a Woolf shal wax wroth, and wander by frythes and fields, to seek a Bore that is pnt to great derision; the same Bore shal whet his tusks on his shield, to bring himself out of bale, and his enemies to confusion.

The Bore, the Bear, and the Woolf, shal assemble together to bring wheat into *Brittain* on a horse of tree; then shal a king flye, if he wist whither, for dread of a Dragon that will destroy a city.

Then in the Land shalbe great war, every man against other wil arise, down wil be cast the woods, and the waters wil arise. A Bore shal come with a Bear and the young Bul, to bring a Fox out of a den that lieth in a tower; a female Griffin and her birds, an Antelope shal devour, and all through the succour of a red Lion and the Lilly flower.

*Flaunders* and *England* shal fal at dissention, because of the falsenesse of traytors untrue, therefore a Dragon shalbe their confusion, a king to wear Flemish flesh al *Saxons* shal rue; the *Thames* shal run blood as red as a rose, and al the streets shal weep and cry for slandering of the Elephant with the long nose. Then shal *Troy* tremble, and *Kent* shal cry for the Lilly; the Bore and the Rose female shal stand together, and shal be driven to their dens, dolefully to die.

The Eagle shal fal and faile of his might, and for feare shal fle; a Falcon down shal fal, for feare of the Bear, that armed knight al *England* shal dread by land and sea; but the Eagle and the Falcon shal come again to *Julius Cæsars* place. Then *Kent* shal laugh, and *Essex* make support, and other shires more then I can of tell, in trust of a young Prince shal them support, so that Lords and Commons in peace shal dwell.

When the new town and the sharp hil is congealed together, and virtuouly conceived, spread over with the flowers of the faire field, then shal *England* have to do with spear and with shield; a Rose budded shal spring and spread; a king with crowns conceived shalbe; three Estates and two ravens shal die, and aliens out of the Land shal flye. Then after that an earthquake shalbe, a Swan swiming, and flying with a portcullis, a paire of bosses, a dreadful Dragon, an Eggur crested with them shalbe, and al this the christiau knot shal see; then pestilence shal reign in *England* fast, and Lords none to other shal trust, nor especially the commonalty. Then after that battel shalbe in *England*, *France*, and *Normandy*; and yet the Bore shal live in charity, and neer to the worthiest that ever was, or ever shalbe. This place is ordained betwixt three kings fykerly; and al this shal end betwixt the B. and the C.

When gracious *Margaret* (or *Mary*) red Rose ripe is sprung, and a white flower of that nature knit is to the same; then of these two noble flowers a branch shalbe found, that spread shal with triumph, and of 9. take his name.

In the west part of the Land shal come a bul (or a bal) with a black star, and he shal undermine right, and make him to fal; and in time and space he shal cause great war; the hounds, with the fox and the mole, shal lose al. Men of *England* shal then declare the right of more *Brittain*; and a Lion with a Hart shal boldly abide, with Hounds foure or five, and right shalbe laid under the Fox side,

Then two branches shal spring of a Rat and of a Hart, a Lilly shalbe closed with gold, and blew, closed with the white Swan; after fowls shal flye and beasts shal stir, while falsenesse

The Faulcon shal be compelled full young to build his nest both far and neere, and begin to wake; and then shal the Foulcon passe the salt water, the branch shal come of a wand white, clofed with a Lilly, that shal come of a Lyon, and shal abide with the right, then with the Son of man, branches shal spring full soon, the Faulcon shal fly two times to the Bucks ground, great labour shal be lost, and treason shal be wrought, a Serpent with poyson shal marry with the male hound, and after shal be deare bought, the Foulcon shal the Serpent with falsenes greatly honour, and soon after he shal fly into *Ireland*, then *Albion* shal stir and soon be hurt, the right shal be red, and many shal it leaze, a Dragon shal the Faulcon greatly honour, and bring him with joy to Towns and Castles, and be full glad of his coming as of a Faulcon of great renown, to this Eagle of great renown, the wheele of fortune shal then turne, and great stirring and sorrow shal be seen in *Albion*, to revenge the wrongs there done before, and the final shal there many of the great undoe; then shal right soon after begin to spring, and falsheod in time and space shal be cast downe: this same Faulcon shal with his birds to his nest resort, of him all cleane beasts and fowls shal have great credence, he shal abide with right them to withstand, but envy and covetousnes shal cause great resistance, the male hound for a time shal with treason, falsheod, and sin be his guide, and trouble the Faulcon both in town and field, and let him of his purpose, there he should abide; the Faulcon shal busk him westward, then to a field, and break therewith two branches faire and bright, there with speare and shield, in venture of himselfe, more then for his right: a Hern with a hound, and a Fox with a Serpent full of venime, shal nye the Faulcon then full vehemently, right betrayed shal be his field; then with great treason, and in purpose them to destroy utterly,

Then the Faulcon shal be hold on every side, and thereto shake his feathers full faire, and understand there is no time to abide, and call his branches to him full right, the Faulcon shal flie with one of his birds right West, and in a Hawkes belly he shal alight soon, the first bird shal fly then as a branch right after the first flight to a den; then shal they fast sue, the mast with the saile, shal guide them south west, and bring the Ship unto a walled towne, the first branch where he shal him rest as a fowl of high and great renown.

The Bull shal again Northward, and hunt for the gree, and doublenes shal be shewed where ever it be, and cleane blood shal encline and be true, a glasse with a Dove shal desire truth, and come to his purpose, and shal get great thanks, soon after men shal know who shal have the best game, then shal be known who is a faithful friend.

*Here after followeth the Prophecie of Sir Thomas of Astledowne.*

Listen Lordings great and small,  
And take good tent what I shal say,  
I shal you tell as true as a tale  
As ever was told by night or day,  
And most marvel without nay,  
That any man with mouth may mine,  
And therefore I you prettily pray,  
That you wil of your talking blind;  
It is a hard thing for to tell,  
Of doughty deeds that have been done,  
Of fore fighting and battels sell,  
And how good Knight have won their shoone;  
Now Jesu: Christ that sitteth on throne,  
Save English men both even and morn,  
And I shal tell you as I come,  
Of battels done many a one,  
And of battels that done shal be,  
And in what place, and how, and where,  
And who shal have the high degree,  
And whether party shal have the wor,  
And who shal take the flight and fly,

Now God that dyed upon a tree,  
Save English men where ever they fare,  
As I me went this enders day,  
By west alone making my moan,  
All in a morning of the May,  
By *Huntley* banks, my selfe alone,  
I heard the Jay, the Thriffl cock,  
The Mavis minding of her song,  
The Woodwal with her merry note,  
That all the wood about me rung;  
Alone in longing as I lay,  
Underneath a seemly tree,  
Saw I where a Lady gay,  
Came riding over a faire long ley;  
If I should sit to dooms day,  
With inke and paper for to write,  
Certainly all her faire array,  
For me it cannot be descri'd,  
Her palfrey was of dapple grey,  
Such a one saw I never none,  
As the Sun on summers dry.

Her saddle was of rewel bone,  
 Seemly was that sight to see,  
 And seemly set with precious stone,  
 Compass about right richly  
 With stones of orient great plenty.  
 Her haire about her head then hung,  
 She rode over the leue long leye;  
 One while she blew, another sung,  
 Her girths of noble silk they were;  
 The buckles were of berrel stone,  
 Her stirrups were of chrystal cleer,  
 And all with pyrrie overgone.  
 Her pearls were pellus full fine,  
 Her crown was of osiry;  
 Her bridle shone of gold clea,  
 On either side hung beils three.  
 She led three grey-hounds in a leath,  
 Seven rackets by her side ran;  
 She bore a horn about her halfe,  
 And under her belt many a flon.  
*Thomas* lay and saw that sight  
 Underneath a seemly tree.  
 He said, yonder is *Mary* of might,  
 That bore the childe that died for me;  
 But I speak with that Lady bright,  
 I hope my heart wil break in three.  
 I wil go fast with al my might,  
 Her to meet at *Elden* tree.  
*Thomas* rudely up he rose,  
 And he ran over the mountain high,  
 If it be true as the story saies,  
 He met with her at *Elden* tree.  
 He kneeled down upon his knee,  
 Underneath the green wood spray,  
 Lovely Lady rue on me,  
 Queen of heaven, as you wel may.  
 The Lady, that was mild of thought,  
 Said, *Thomas*, let such words be,  
 For Queen of heaven am I not,  
 I never took such high degtee.  
 I am of another country,  
 That I be pearled most of price,  
 I ride over this livelong leye,  
 My rackets run at my device.  
 If you be pearled most of price,  
 And ridden here in rove folly  
 Of love, Lady, you bin nice,  
 Give me leave to lie you by.  
 She said, *Thomas*, that were folly:  
 I pray thee, *Thomas*, let me be,  
 For I say, *Thomas*, sickerly,  
 You wil fordo al my beauty.  
 Lovely Lady, rue on me,  
 And I wil meet with you dail:

Here my troth I plight to thee,  
 Whether it be in heaven or hel.  
 Man of mold, thou wilt me mar,  
 But yet you shal have al your wil,  
 But trow thou wel thou dost the wor,  
 For al my beauty thou wilt spil.  
 Down then lights that Lady bright,  
 Underneath the green wood spray,  
 As the story tels ful right,  
 Seven times by her he lay.  
 She said, *Thomas*, you like this play;  
 What bird in bough may deale with thee?  
 Thou marst me mickle all this day.  
 I pray thee, *Thomas*, let me be.  
*Thomas* looked in that sted,  
 Upon that Lady that was so gay;  
 Her haire hung about her head,  
 Her eyes seemed out, that were so grey.  
 All her clothing then was away,  
 That he before saw in that sted,  
 One leg was black, the other grey,  
 And al her body like to lead.  
*Thomas* cried out, alas,  
 Now is this a doleful sight,  
 Thou art now faded in the face.  
 That shone before as sun so bright.  
 Take leafe, *Thomas*, at sun and moon,  
 And leafe that grows upon the tree.  
 This twelvemonth shalt thou with me go,  
 Middle earth shalt thou not see.  
 Then kneeled *Thomas* on his knee,  
 To *Mary* milde he made his moan:  
 Lady, but you rue on me.  
 All my Games away be gone.  
 Alas, he said, and woe is me,  
 I trow my deeds wil doom care,  
 My soul, *Jesus*, I teach to thee,  
 Where ever away my body fare.  
 She led him in at *Elden* hil,  
 Underneath that dearn lee,  
 Where it was murk and way ful ill,  
 And ever in water to the knee.  
 The mountenance of daies three,  
 He heard but sweyings of the flood;  
 Alas, said *Thomas*, woe is me,  
 Alnōst, he said, I spil for food.  
 She led him to a faire arbour,  
 Where fruit was growing great plenty,  
 Pears and apples, ripe they were,  
 The dates and damafe, the figs, and the wine-  
 bury,  
 And nightingales building their nest,  
 The poppingay about can flie,  
 The shoules sing on the tree,



And the Mavis tuning notes high,  
 Me preassed to pulfruit with his hand,  
 As man for food, that was almost faint.  
 She said, *Thomas*, let it stand,  
 Or else the fiend she wil the taint.  
 If you it pul, the sooth to say,  
 Thy soul goeth to the fiend of hel,  
 It cometh never out ere dooms day,  
 But ever in pain there to dwell.  
*Thomas* soothly I thee hite,  
 Come lay thy head upon my knee,  
 And thou shalt see the fairest sight  
 That ever saw man of thy Countrie.  
 He did then as the Lady bade,  
 And laid his head upon her knee,  
 Her to please he was ful glad;  
 Then said that Lady faire and free,  
 Seest thou not yonder faire way,  
 That lieth over yonder mountain?  
 That is the way, the sooth to say,  
 Where sinful souls are past their pain.  
 Seest thou now yonder other way,  
 That liggeth low under the rise,  
 That is the way, the sooth to say,  
 Unto the joyes of paradise.  
 Seest thou now yonder third way,  
 That liggeth over yonder green plain,  
 Yonder is the way, the sooth to say,  
 Where sinners passe both teen and train.  
 Seest thou now yonder fourth way,  
 That liggeth over yond foule fel,  
 That is the way of wellaway  
 Unto the burnie fire of hel.  
 Seest thou now yonder faire castle,  
 That standeth high on yonder hil,  
 Of town and tower it beareth the bel,  
 In earth is men like there until;  
 Forsooth, *Thomas*, yonder is mine own  
 And the kings of this country;  
 Me were lever be hangd and drawn,  
 Then he wist that you lay by me.  
 And whatsoever men to thee say,  
 I pray thee answer none but me;  
 My Lord is served at every messe  
 With thirty bold Barons and three;  
 I shal say nothing at the desse,  
 That I have wrest thy speech from thee.  
*Thomas* looked in that sted,  
 And beheld that Lady so gay,  
 She was again also faire and good,  
 And also fresh on her palfray.  
 Her Grey-hounds fed on Deers blood,  
 And her rachets by my faye,

And to the castle took the way;  
 Into the hal rightly she went,  
*Thomas* followed at her hand,  
 Ladies came both faire and gent,  
 With courtesie to her knee land;  
 Harp and fiddle there they found;  
 The gittern and the psaltery,  
 Lute and sebeck, there con gong,  
 And al manner of minstrelthe,  
 The most freely, that *Thomas* thought  
 When he stood upon the floore,  
 Fifty harts in were brought,  
 That were far, great, and stower,  
 Rachets lay lapping of their blood,  
 Cooks standing with dressing knive,  
 Breaking up the deare wood;  
 There was revel going rise,  
 Knights dauncing by three and three;  
 There was revel game and play,  
 Lovely Ladies faire and free  
 Sate singing in ful rich aray.  
*Thomas* dwelled in that place  
 Somewhat more then yeers three,  
 So on a day it fel a case  
 That lonely Lady said so free,  
 Busk thee, *Thomas*, and go again,  
 For here thou maist no longer be,  
 H'e thee fast with might and main,  
 I shal thee bring to Elden tree.  
*Thomas* said with heavy cheer,  
 Lovely Lady, let me here be,  
 For sickerly I have been here  
 But the space of daies three.  
 Forsooth, *Thomas*, I thee tel,  
 Thou hast been here three yeers and more,  
 But here shal you no longer dwell;  
 I shal thee tel a cause wherefore;  
 To morn of hel a foule fiend  
 Among these folks shal choole his fee,  
 Thou art a mickle man and hinde,  
 I trow ful wel he wil take thee.  
 For all the gold that may be  
 From heaven unto the worlds end,  
 Thou shalt never be betrayed for me;  
 Therefore I rede thee with me wend.  
 She brought him again to eldern tree,  
 Underneath the green wood spray,  
 In *Hantley* banks merry to be,  
 Where fowls sing both night and day.  
 Farewel *Thomas*, I wend my way;  
 I wil go over yonder bent so brown.  
 And here endeth the first fir, I say,  
 Of Sir *Thomas* of *Astledowne*.

*The second part.*

Farewel *Thomas*, I wend my way,  
 I may no longer dwell with thee.  
 Then give me some token, Lady gay,  
 That I may say I spake with thee.  
 To harp or carp, whether you can,  
*Thomas*, thou shalt have soothly.  
 He said, harping keep I none,  
 For tongue is chief of minstrelsie.  
 If thou wilt speak, and tales tell,  
 Thou shalt never leaſing lye;  
 Whether thou walk by firſh or fell,  
 I pray thee ſpeak none ill by me.  
 Farewel *Thomas*, without any guile,  
 I may no longer abide with thee.  
 Lovely Lady, abide a while,  
 And ſome far lye tell thou me.  
*Thomas*, hearken what I ſhal ſay,  
 When a tree rotten is dead,  
 The leaves ſaden and fallen away,  
 Fruit it beareth none in head,  
 All ſhal fade and fall away;  
 No marvel then if that fruit die,  
 And mickle bale ſhal after ſpraye,  
 Where that bliſſe was wont to be.  
 Farewel *Thomas*, I wend my way,  
 I may no longer ſtand with thee.  
 Lovely Lady, good and gay,  
 Tell me yet of ſome far lie.  
 What kinde far lie, *Thomas* good,  
 Should I thee tell? If thy will be,  
 Tell me, of the gentle blood  
 Who ſhal unthrive, and who ſhall thee;  
 Who ſhal be king, who ſhal be none,  
 And who ſhal weild the north country;  
 Who ſhal fly, who ſhal be rane,  
 And where the battels done ſhal be.  
 Of a battel I will thee tell,  
 That ſhal be done ſoon at will,  
 Birds ſhal meet both freſh and fell,  
 And freely fight at *Eldern* hill;  
 The bruife blood ſhal under gong,  
 The *Britains* ſhal win all the prey,  
 Three thouſand *Scots* on the ground  
 ſhal be ſlain that ilke day.  
 Farewel *Thomas*, I wend my way,  
 To ſtand with thee me think it irk;  
 Of a battel I will thee ſay,  
 What ſhal be done at *Fawſe* kirk:  
 Banners ſhal ſtand long and long,  
 Trow you well with mood and main,  
 The *Brutes* blood ſhal under gong,  
 Five thouſand *Scots* there ſhal be ſlain.

No longer here you tarry me,  
 My grey-hounds broken to the fleſh,  
 And my rachers there couples in three;  
 Look how the Deer by two and two,  
 Run over yonder mountain high.  
*Thomas* ſaid, God ſhild you, go;  
 But tel me yet of ſome far lie.  
 Of a battel I will thee ſay,  
 That ſhal gar Ladies to morn in mood.  
 At *Barnockburn* both water and clay  
 ſhal be mingled with red blood.  
 Steeds ſhal ſtumble with treaſon,  
 Both black, brown, griſſel, and gray;  
 And gentle Knights ſhal tumble down,  
 through taking of a wicked way.  
 The *Britains* blood ſhal under fall,  
 The Bruſſe ſhal win all the prey;  
 Six thouſand *Engliſh* great and ſmal,  
 ſhal be ſlain that ilke day.  
 Then ſhal *Scotland* ſtand,  
 Trow thou wel as I thee ſay,  
 A terſer of the ſame land  
 To *Britain* ſhal wend the ready way,  
 And take caſtles great and gay;  
 With him out of his own country  
 They ſhal wend in rich aray,  
 And come again by land and ſea.  
 He ſhal deſtroy the north country,  
 More and leſſe him beſore;  
 Ladies wellaway ſhal cry,  
 That ever the bayley of blood was born.  
 He ſhal riſe up at *Kirkbourn*,  
 And ſlay Lords upon the ſand;  
 To ſurpring more upon the morn,  
 Lords wil think ful long to ſtand,  
 Between the deppling and the daſſe.  
 The water there runneth on the clay.  
 There ſhal be ſlain, forſooth *Thomas*,  
 Six thouſand *Scots*; that night and day,  
 They ſhal take a town of great renown,  
 That ſtandeth near the water of *Tay*;  
 The father and the ſon ſhal be done down,  
 And with ſtroaks ſtrong be ſlain away.  
 When they have won the walled town,  
 And every man choſen his chance,  
 The *Britains* they ſhal make them bound,  
 And ſorth to the wars of *France*.  
 Then *Scotland* without king ſhal ſtand,  
 Believe *Thomas* as I thee ſay,  
 They ſhal chooſe a king full young,  
 That can no laws lead perſay,  
 And crowned at the town of ſtone,  
 On a certain ſolemn day;

Shal to him draw withouten nay.  
 Into *England* shal they ride,  
 East and west, as ligs their way,  
 And take a town with great pride,  
 And let the men be slain away.  
 Betwixt a Park and an Abbey,  
 A pallace and a parish kirk,  
 There shal your young king fall of his spray,  
 And of his life be ful irk;  
 He shalbe tagged wondrous fore,  
 So thar away he shal not fle;  
 His neb shal or he thence fare,  
 Of red blood trickle to the knee.  
 He shal with a false fode,  
 Whether it turns to ill or good,  
 And he shal bide in a Ravens hand.  
 The Raven shal the Gos hawk win,  
 If his feathers be never to black,  
 And lead him straight to *London*.  
 There shal your Faulcon finde his make,  
 The Raven shal his feathers shake,  
 And take tarslets gay and great  
 With him out of his own Countrie;  
 And the king shal him a master make,  
 In the North, to do outray.  
 When he is man most of main,  
 And hopes best for to speed,  
 On a ley land he shalbe slain,  
 Befides a way withouten dread.  
 Then shal the fel in *Scotland* perpay,  
 Fouls and soe ful many one,  
 For to make a certain pay,  
 But end thereof cometh never none.  
 Then shal *Scotland* kingleffe stand,  
 Trow thou well as I thee say,  
 Three tarslets of the same land,  
 To *Brittain* then shal wend their way.  
 He shal big and break the tree,  
 That hath no sight to fle away;  
 They shal with pride to *England* flee,  
 East and West, as lgs their way.  
 Holy Kirk beset beside,  
 And religious men burn in fire.  
 They shal then to a castle glide,  
 And shew them there with mickle ire,  
 Between a well and a were,  
 A hat well and a slick stone.  
 There shal two chieftains meet in fear,  
 The one shal doubleffe be slain.  
 The bruise blood shal with him fle,  
 And lead him to a worthy town,  
 And close him in a castle high,  
 There to be with great renown.  
 Farewell, I wend my way.

Me behoves over yonder bent so brown.  
 Here endeth the second fit, I say,  
 Of Sir *Thomas of Ashedown*.

*The third part.*

These words, *Thomas*, thar I say,  
 Is but wondring and woe.  
 Of a barrel I shal thee tell,  
 Thar shalbe done at *Spencard slough*.  
 The *Britains* blood shal win the prey,  
 Seven thousand *English* great and smal  
 Shalbe slain that i k day.  
 The rere-ward shal no whir perpay  
 Of thar same doleful deed;  
 They shal make a journey  
 Daies ten without a dread.  
 Of a barrel I wil you tel,  
 Thar shalbe done soon at wil,  
 Barons shal meet both fierce and fell,  
 And fiercely fight at *Elden hill*,  
 Between *Edenborough* and *Pentland*,  
 At the hill thar standeth on the red clay,  
 There shalbe slain 12 thousand,  
 Forsooth of *Scots*, thar night and day,  
 They shal take a walled town,  
 The father and the son be slain away;  
 Knights shal win their wary son  
 Through dint of sword for ever and aye.  
 When they have won the walled town,  
 And every man chosen his chance,  
 The *Britains* they shal mak them bown,  
 And forth go to the wars of *France*.  
 They shalbe in *France* ful long,  
*Thomas*, I say three yeers and more,  
 And ding down towers and castles strong,  
 To every man in sundry fare.  
 Then shal they be brought full strong  
 Betwixt *Seaton* and the sea;  
 The *Britains* shal the griefs among  
 The other est at *Barwick* free.  
 On a fiddaln before the masse,  
 Five thousand soothly shalbe slain.  
 Of *Brusse* blood both more and lesse,  
 For thar day should no banners presse,  
 But far in sunder shal they be.  
 Careful shalbe the entermesse  
 Between *Seaton* and the Sea,  
 Of the brusse both more and lesse.  
 Ships shal stand upon the sand,  
 Wevand with the sea some;  
 Three yeers and more, understand,  
 Ere any Barons fetch them home.  
 Steeds menlesse shal sling  
 To the mountrains to and fro,  
 Their saddles on their backs shal hang.

Till their girths be rotten in two.  
 They shal hew on helm and shield,  
 Til the same be set neer west;  
 No man shal wite in that field  
 Whether part shal have the best.  
 They shal cast down banners there,  
 Many a wounded one that night shal die;  
 Upon the morn there shalbe care,  
 For neider part shal have the degree.  
 Then they shal take a truce, and swear,  
 For three yeers as I understand,  
 That none of them shal other deer,  
 Neither by water nor by land.  
 But between two *S. Mary* daies,  
 When the time waxeth long,  
 Then shal they meet, and barmers raise  
 On *Cleydon*, *Gladsmore*, both stiff and strong;  
 Three crowned kings with dints fore  
 Shalbe slain and under be.  
 A Raven shal come over the More,  
 And after him a Crow shal flye,  
 To seek the Moore without rest,  
 After a croffe made of stone,  
 Over hil and dale, both east and west,  
 But crow you wel he shal finde none.  
 He shal light where the croffe shalbe,  
 And hold his neb into the skie,  
 And drink of gentle blood and free,  
 Of doughry knights that down shal lye.  
 Freely they shal fight that day,  
 Til the sun be set more west;  
 None of them shal wit, I say,  
 Which party shal have the best.  
 A bastard shal come out of a forest,  
 That in south *England* born shalbe,  
 And he shal win the gree for the best,  
 And al the land after *Britains* shalbe.  
 Then he shal into *England* ride,  
 East and west, as we heare sayne,  
 And hold a Parliament with pride,  
 Where none before was never seen.  
 Al false laws he shal lay down,  
 That are begun in that country;  
 Truth to do he shalbe bowne,  
 And *England* for a time merry shalbe.  
*Thomas*, crow that I thee tell,  
 That it be so every word.  
 Of a bartel I shal thee spel,  
 That shalbe done at *Sandisford*.  
 Nigh the foord there is a bray.  
 And nigh the bray there is a wel;  
 A stone there is a little fro,  
 And so there is, the truth to tel.  
 Thou mayest crow this every word.

That is called the *Sandisford*,  
 There the last bartel done shalbe.  
*Benniddunes* and *Cliffes* bold shalbe  
 In *Brusseland* three yeers and more,  
 And ding down towers and castles high,  
 To do our ray they shal not spare.  
 The bastard shal get him power strong,  
 Al the side *Leyssh* Land;  
 There shal not on him *Bodward* bring.  
 As I am for to understand,  
 The bastard shal die in the *Holy Land*.  
*Jesus* Christ that mickle may,  
 His soul then take into thy hand,  
 When he is dead and laid in clay.  
 And as the sold, at the last  
 The tears fel over her eyne grey.  
 Lady, or you weep so fast,  
 Take your leave and go your way.  
 I weep not for my way wending,  
 But for Ladies fair and free,  
 When Lords be dead without leasring,  
 Shal wed yeomen of poor degree.  
 He shal have steeds in stable fed,  
 A hawk to bear upon his hand,  
 A lovely Lady to his bed,  
 His elders before him had no land.  
 Farewel *Thomas*, wel you be,  
 For all this day thou wilt me mar.  
 Now lovely Lady, tell you me  
 Of black *Annis* of *Dunbar*.  
 Of black *Annis* came never good,  
 Therefore may she never thee,  
 For all her wealth and worldly good;  
 In *London* shal she slain be.  
 The greatest Merchant of her blood,  
*Madike*, shal he die,  
 Hounds of him shal take their food,  
 Manger all their kin and he.  
*Thomas*, deare man was he,  
 Tears fell over his eyne so grey.  
 Now lovely Lady, tell you me,  
 If we shal part for ever and aye.  
 Nay *Thomas*, she said, perdie  
 When thou seekest in *Ajstedown*  
 To *Hunsley* bank, then take the way.  
 There shal I sickerly to thee come.  
 She blew her horn on her palfrey,  
 And left *Thomas* at *Elden* tree.  
 To *Udale* straight she took the way,  
 And thus departed he and she.  
 Of such a heardman would I hear,  
 That could me tell of such farlye.  
 Christ crowned with crown of thorns  
 Bring us al to heaven high.

By a tower in a town, as the story saies,  
 A battel shal joyne after the noon,  
 They that come thorow houses the next way,  
 Shal win the worship when somer is done.  
 A hurt Prince albebled,  
 Out of a house he shal be take,  
 And to his chamber he shalbe led,  
 Which shal turn to much wrake.  
 The beare shal break from the stake,  
 An Eagle over the field shal flie,  
 A Lion for fear shal tremble and quake,  
 A Southwest winde then there shalbe.  
 Then the chivalry of *Cheshire*,  
 Udon a sunday shal prick with pride,  
 Which shalbe overthrowen by a river,  
 And beaten down on every side.  
 Soon after that it shal betide,  
 Betwixt three headlesse crosses of stone,  
 A Rose shal rise and spread ful wide,  
 And cause destruction of many a one.  
 Two high mountains down shal fal,  
 For doubt of death the assle shal quake,  
 Yet to *London* lead him they shal,  
 And there the Raven masters shal make.  
 That Raven shal his feathers shake,  
 And take tarslets great and gay,  
 The king shal him a master make,  
 In the north country to abate the ray.  
 When he is man most of main,  
 And thinketh best for to speed,  
 On a ley land he shalbe slain,  
 Beside a high way withouten dread,  
 And al his tarslets shal down fal,  
 No man to mercy shal him take.  
 Another noyance begin then shal,  
 When a woman with a child shal wake,  
 What men finde then, they shal it take,  
 And bring the land in great poverty.  
 A bayted Beare his chain shal shake,  
 And sowe a sorrow likerly.  
 At a chappel besides a brig,  
 Mischief shal begin at morrow,  
 Thousand too many there dead shal lig,  
 That shalbe slain by many a furrow;  
 A Lion shal lose his life with sorrow.  
 The Lion shal bide for ever such flea,  
 He shal shift himself ful narrow,  
 That shal escape with life that day.  
 Then the Lions shal moorn and move,  
 When the Fox for fear shal flie,  
 A bold beast shal buse him soon,  
 And at *London* crowned shalbe.  
 An Hart shal run down the sea,  
 And drink water what him list,

The Buck so bold, and Eagle also,  
 Shal work wrake ere it be wist.  
 At *Scotland* bank shalbe great losse,  
 Of mans murder, the sooth to sayne,  
 At a high way beside a crosse,  
 There shal the King of *Brittain* be slain;  
 And at a walled town there shalbe twain  
 Be beheaded withouten grace;  
*Devonshire* thereof shal not be faine,  
 For the water brig may not passe.  
 From stony forth a great space,  
 Two weles shal run of blood,  
 Yet the Lion shal follow on a chase,  
 The headlesse men against him stood.  
 A sowe shal flie over a flood,  
 And shal turn again and take his prey,  
 And cause him first that fislly stood,  
 To turn his back and run away.  
 Then shal they put up that was down,  
 And kill the corse that never was born,  
 And crown one with a kings crown,  
 That was both high and low before.  
 An half yeer after, and somewhat more,  
 When men should fix themselves to pray,  
 There shalbe slain many a score,  
 Betwixt two wayes, the sooth to say,  
 Besides an abbey in the West,  
 A Prince shal die, and many moe,  
 A Kings son shal then be mist,  
 And few shal know whicher he is go,  
 The city of *London* shalbe ful woe  
 When they shal see their houses burn,  
*Kent* shalbe torn and troubled so,  
 That their helf shal fly them from.  
 Tokens shalbe heard and seen,  
 Wherefore a star shal shew a light,  
 And a dead man shal rise again,  
 Of many wrongs to make a right,  
 Many a man shal rue that sight,  
 That wend never to have seen that day;  
 And those that in the truth are fully plight,  
 Shal joy his coming both man and maye:  
 An Eagle shal his wings spread,  
 A bridled horse shal prounce with pride,  
 And undoubtedly he that was dead  
 Shal show himself, and ride  
 With many a comely Knight that tide;  
 That many a man shalbe ful fain,  
 Into *Ireland* shal the Faulcon glide,  
 When the King of *Scots* is slain.  
 After forty daies are past,  
 Into *Wales* shal the Faulcon flie,  
 And rest him there upon a post,  
 while 40m. men ready shalbe;

At London shal the great battel be;  
Which many a man shal rue full sore;  
He shal die or surely flie,

And shal come there no more.  
The North shal drive the South down,  
The South shal drive them home again,  
The youngest of three shal have the crown,  
When that his brethren be all slain.  
Much sorrow shalbe, the sooth to sayne,  
Ere it be brought unto a passe,  
Ten thousand fleeds upon a plain,  
Shal run away masterlesse.

The time shal come, as true as the Creed,  
Of Priests and Monks we shal have no need;  
Charches shal fal, it shalbe great wonder,  
The Clergie and the Laity shalbe afunder;  
In churches where Images were wont to be set,  
With holy letters they shalbe fet,  
Both age and youth it shal reade,  
To many mens hearts as heavy as lead.  
Great wars shalbe to bring it to an end,  
And by great punishment the same intend,  
But God by provision of his high throne,  
Will have all honour himself alone;  
Fals hood shal fal, and right shal appear,  
This shal continue from yeer to yeer.  
But after that shal fal a wonder to tel,  
A stormy strife, with many a battel;  
Double danger shalbe the cause,  
One shalbe the altering of laws;  
The other shalbe, who readeth aright,  
The losse of a Lord, a King, and a Knight.  
Wellaway, and woe for sorrow,  
Mischief draws nigh, it will not borrow.  
A maiden in bower shal take in hand  
To rule this Island, and govern this Land;  
By royotous rule at length shal she  
Of her great rome discharged be.  
Barons and Lords a promise shal make,  
Of Gods holy Word their parts to take:  
Prelates, in pride their lusts to take,  
Shal cause great slaughter and much debate;  
Alas they may say, both Priest and Clark,  
Was never seen such a wark:  
Happy shal he be, it is too true,  
That can bid *Englan*s farewell and adieu.  
With mourning songs the Ladies shal sing,  
Widows and maidens their hands shal wring;  
Babes at their paps shal die in the street,  
All kinde of kinred shal mourn and weep.  
Alas for woe, what may be said,  
That this Island and Land shal thus be betraid;  
Castles and towers, with pleasant building,  
Shalbe destroyed and brought to ending.

Care shal come to high and low,  
To trust one another no man shal know;  
Great famine and hunger, with cursed pain,  
To eat dead folkes men shalbe fain.  
Who that in bed doth lie one night,  
Shalbe constrained the next to flight.  
Woe worth our sin, that cause shalbe,  
To make the Lord to take this cruelty.  
A voyce shal cry both night and day,  
Ever calling to take sin away;  
But sorrow and plague for their presence,  
Battel, famine, and also pestilence,  
As a desolate Land brought it shalbe,  
What shalbe more, none knoweth but he.

Of wonders that shal fal another day,  
When we be dead, and are away,  
In time to come, a Faulcon driven shalbe  
Out of *Britain* Land over the sea,  
Where he shal flie from tree to tree,  
Till he may advanced be.  
Then beasts and fowls to him shal fal,  
And boldly hold the Faulcon withal;  
Then shal the Faulcon gather great rout,  
And he shal hover all about;  
Mirth and joy with him shalbe fild,  
Till he may his nest build,  
As a fowle of high personage,  
King of fowls of Emperours lineage.  
Then shal he take by course again,  
Over the sea into *Britain*.  
Then shal one a time him chase,  
With fowls and brasts, and him menace.  
Then to *Albion* he shal turn and flie,  
And set him on a pinnacle on high,  
Where fowls fast about him shal flie.  
At a castle faire of lime and stone,  
There to the Faulcon shal fal many a one;  
Foure fowls of the ancient line,  
In that castle were bred of old time;  
Then *Comray* on *Curtis* shal cal,  
Then shal *Wales* rashly rise withal,  
And with the Faulcon hold withal.  
Then farlies on every side spread shal; (farie  
The red Fox and the Serpent shal rise to the  
The Faulcon with might to keep from blame.  
Take heed Faulcon, and thee advise,  
And build thee strong with high justice,  
For great woe to thee is dighr,  
The which thou shalt overcome by right,  
And passe at their perversity,  
Through great pain or it may be:  
For seven shal sit on thy affize,  
And judge thee after their advice.  
Then five shal be set, and each shal come



Then all fro thee shalbe none;  
Then death shalbe their Justice,  
For their cruel malice.

In *Brittain* in that time shalbe  
Among the poor great scarcity,  
And death of people great plenty;  
Yet much more, men shal see  
Our enemies breime upon the sea,  
Two our-laws that stemed be,  
With other that shal with them flie;

The our laws shal come of bloud-royal  
In al the world not there prevail;  
A headlesse man in arms bound,  
I understand out of the Land,  
The Faulcon shal sound him garlands for to  
In the somer season he shal his feathers shake.

A dreadful Dragon to the sight  
Shal him dresse with al his might,  
The Faulcons quarrel on hand to take,  
Him to strengthen against al wrake;  
Then shal the Faulcon and the Dragon  
Fly both into *Albion*:

Then shal he great company make,  
So that al *Brittain* shal tremble and quake;  
Then shal the Faulcon be a cock, and crow,  
That al *Christendome* shal him know.

The one our-law shalbe as a lamb,  
Soft and gentle, meek and free,  
It is goven him of Gods hand,  
Ever while he lives in land;  
Beasts and fowls of strange country  
Shal bring the Lamb to his postie,  
The Faulcons nest for to make,  
When his own fellowship doth him forsake.

This Faulcon as an Eagle shal mount at the last,  
Then shal both fowls and beasts be agast,  
Then shal he crow ful high, and looke grim  
And he shal gar them low to lout, (about,  
That to him unkinde has been.

Great signs of sorrowing there shalbe,  
Many shal die, and many shal flie,  
And ever merciful the Faulcon shalbe,  
For grace and truth ever follows his taile,  
Al truth shal reign, and true justice,  
In high and low, and every fize;  
In him shal rise *Arthurs* condition,  
Knight of worship in field and town.

Then shal he conquer *Saxony*, or *Turkie*,  
And he shal slay Gods enemy.  
In battel he shal never overcome be;  
Buried ful even with blessing of heaven,  
Shal he be between the three Kings of *Cullen*.  
Of him shal come a Faulcon stout,

To him al *Christendome* shal bout,  
For his feathers in arms shalbe ful bright;  
In many battels he shal fight,  
In uncouth Lands with beurdlesse Knights.  
Al *Arthurs* laws, I wis, make shal he,  
And never none other or he die;  
He shal bear three crowns as right Emperour.  
This was prophecied in *Albion*,  
In the time of King *John*.

1550. the dolorous date is he,  
1551. few such yeers you have seen befor,  
1552. the marvails of *Merline* shal then be do,  
1553. the maiden King conveyed shalbe:

(make, This year men shalbe given eke  
After strange Countries for to seek,  
Then I shal reign for a little space,  
For the right heire is not in the sight place.  
Then the marvellous *M.* shal so appear,  
That among the estates shalbe great fear.  
This *M.* to be wonderful you shal see,  
For the Pope removed into *Brittain* shalbe.  
Then comes in *Jack*, and faller,  
But *K.* beware thy pallet.  
At *Charing-crosse* the first battel shalbe,  
But *M.* shal have the victory.  
1554. then cometh,  
Mischief more and more increaseth,  
For mens hearts wilbe on fire,  
Because of strangers that shal then appear.  
A Serpent shal come southwest,  
In a maid to build his nest. (live,  
1555. al this shal repent them that be then a-  
For in 1555. together once seen,  
In *Albion* shalbe King and Queen:

And then *Albion* I thee assure,  
Aliens of thee shal have great power,  
And in thee they shal remain,  
Until *E.* do reign again,  
In whose time many shal turn from the faith,  
Because of trouble, as holy writ saith,  
Until 1596. then shal rise the joyful fice,  
For fice was lost, and fice was found,  
And fice was buried in the ground,  
And fice shal rise and wear the crown;  
And fice, that was lost in three,  
Shal come again in fix truly.  
Then is 1597, in order,  
And bringeth in great dearth and murder,  
Neighbour against neighbour shal fight,  
The brother with the brother in armour dight,  
The father against the son you shal see,  
And al this shal cause the Clergie.  
In 1598. terrible together men shal fight,

In *Brittain* battel ful great shal be,  
 The *Brittain* with brands shal *Brittain* answer,  
 Upon these aliens and all their power.  
 1599. many shal die with sorrow and pain,  
 Such variance then shal be  
 Bewixt the learned and the temporaly.  
 Then cometh in D. forty and three score,  
 Men are weary of fighting, & wil fight no more,  
 For by the Priests the first battel began,  
 And so shal the end come,  
 Then shal the church shine ful bright,  
 And to al the heathen give a light.  
 All the must come to passe by heavens King,  
 As wimelleth holy writing.  
 The year of M.D. and in ore,  
 Shal plenty of words, and yet no store,  
 Men shal be dead, and come to life,  
 And suddenly shal fal great strife;  
 Walls of stone shal rive asunder,  
 Of great and stark people ye shal see great won-  
 Dents of swords shal gnaw the bone,  
 Doubtful it is, who shal scape or none;  
 Lords in their liberty shal sein and bear,  
 With threefold sorrow, great teen and care.  
 Ladies shal waile that ever they were born,  
 Such daies shal be seen never beforen.  
 Priests to their prayers had need for to take,  
 For holy charch shal tremble and quake,  
 But out of thee such a voyce shal cry,  
 He that is dead these words shal testifie.  
 We that in minde wil live and not die,  
 From darknesse into light look that he shal;

*Benedicite*, said *Becket*, and blest him thrice that ever such a Queen should reign over *Eng-land*, and she so swine like.

A King shal reign which shal be a turner up of new mold; he shal marry with his mother *S. Ecclesias*, yet he shal have two Queens, one of them shal be poytoned, the other burned; and shortly after he shal marry another, and she shal never be crowned.

When a childe with a garland doth appeare in the East, then shal their names be turned into the *Brutes*.

A Knight shal challenge the crown; and know him for King that weareth a scutcheon of silver set in gold, his is granted the victory through God that he serveth; he shal chase *Scotland* through skill that he hath; and so the courteous King crowned. At *Stanes* the Lion and the Libard shal leyke together, and ware away the Woolf that wasts the Land; the Lion shal like wel the Libards deeds. By that the lock be unlocked at the last end, there shal a siege be set seven nights and more, to a tower upon *Tine*. I tel thee sooth, till such men of assay shal assay yeald, and of that garison be wonderful ill, breaking the brains that the blood followeth, stiffe helms of steel striking to the earth, and through treaty of truce a train shal be made. While their hearts be whole that the harnesse hents, *Stadsmore* and *Gawen* men gapen, aye after *Sandisford* and *Salisbury*. That *Bede* of signs, for there, as the book saies, battel shal fal, a one after *M.* even in the rules 50.0. and 3: a sute so laid together; and then after an *L.* as the line asks, *V.* after *V.* and the n but one following, this is the doleful date driven to an end, where in *Martian* the mickle meddles in his time. Busk you then to *Berwick*, be blithe of the word that *Bede* of the bought said, the true town upon *Towed* with towers so faire; thou shalt encline to this King as thy kinde Lord, and other borows about with the broad wals, shal with the Lion

Old men that time shal bear no trust,  
 All this to see shal be great ruth.

Four beasts at last shal bear the price,  
 Then shal sice and ace be of one device.  
 At the tower hill the *S.* light shal he,  
 And of his faller be fain to drink his fill,  
 Of a well that afore sprang yeers 20. or 3.  
 And from thence shal to a strong castle,  
 And in that a twelve month will he dwel,  
 Mangre his foes every one.

Then he shal steale from the castle  
 Towards the *Holy Land*, and cross the salt some,  
 He shal war on Gods enemies yeers three,  
 Then rest and peace in *England* shal be.

The Bull shal die in the vale of *Jehoshaphat* he-  
 sides *Calvery*, and be buried in an abbey;  
 And on his soul *Jesus* have mercy,  
 Lawyers lurk, for your play is at hand,

(der. Your combs shal be cut, & your Judges in band,  
 And counsels in private your bishops in fame,  
 And priests that wiven bin far out of frame,  
 Which have given slander to men manifold,  
 But you shal be punished all then be bold,  
 At which time this Island troubled shal be,  
 But shortly quiet when they quailed be.  
 Before the yeers of *Christ* be come and gone,  
 Full ninety nine, not lacking one.

*Some books say between 19. & 9. and not one lesse.*  
 Fortune shal turn up all that earst was down,  
 And then the layity shal wear the crown;  
 Then to study take thy tombe,  
 It draws near the day of doom.

be left for ever. Each man shal have his Lordship again, that hath them lost of a long time.

The three flowers that were never plucked, shal flourish, spring, and bud; in *Brittain* shal be no bastard blood; the Eagle shal mount over land to land, to *Trey* untrue for his pullet, that shal be closed in a tower strong. The Lion white shal flie anon to a castle standing on a river side. A dreadful Dragon shal come from the West, and say, Thou Woolfe, tarry and abide. Then holy church shal lye full low, 300m. shal them hide; then shal a breechlesse Beare be baited at *Salisbury*.

The Talbot must hunt in a Forest, and slay many a wilde beast, but the Foster at a crosse by three sundry waies with him shal mee, with the cur dog; then shal be arrested the Tode and the Frog; the Horse with the saddle shal lose his head, the Pye shal mutter in every stede; the Woodcock shal lose both taile and wing, the Thristle shal weep, and no more sing.

The red Lion shal rore and cry, the Bore that was never hunted in forest, shal rise at the chattering of the Pye, the Wren shal soon that espy; the *Saracens* head shal grinde and gape, against the mowing of the Ape; two Suns and three Moons shal be seen, the Mayrmaid, it is no remedy, shal take the sea with tray and teens; the Daylie shal spring with the Flowerdeluce; the Unicorn shal lose his head, the Sparrow shal pipe a merry dance to all the Ladies in *Brittain* Land.

When the Mullit doth sit in judgement, then shal *Smithfield* grow green, and then shal be buried two Ladies and a Queen; all new Ladies shal be gone their waies, the blew Boore the King shal wel keep, the Lizard shal lose his sight.

In a morning, between *Seaton* and the sea, three Kings on one horse shal ride.

The Queen, a mare of the sea, shal bring forth a son, bidding u battel.

There shal resort into this Land, Lords, that of the same were old; there shal not be them to withstand, the same again to have and hold.

R shal up, and P shal under rule B. when the dead man shal rise up with great wonder, the sea shal flow up and roare, and the Mare shal break her halter.

When the Beare runbleth in the Lions den, then shal it be woe to many good men, it shal be two times, a time and a half, for the Bear shal long for the dun Cows Calf; doubt the thing that may befall, doubts there is know ye all; avoid the doubts ye that may, or else doubt still a wofull day.

When the Primate of *England* shal clime upon the holy place, and sit upon the altars, desiling the same with his wicked feet, unreverently esteeming the place appoited for the consecration of the Lords body, no better then to be a seat of judgement. Then not long after, the people shal be in an uproare, wishing vengeance, which shal happen for the madnesse of the Primate; then shortly after, such a rumour among the people shal come, which shal bring the Primate to the most shame that may be; and then shortly after, shal the Catholick church flourish again in the hearts of al the faithful.

When the son is a misse; and three Monks heads in a dish, and a maid hath the mastery, multiplied by 8. then shal in *England* remain great plenty of errors among us; then shal ten ser against eight, and of *Germans* by generation; but if ten overfet eight, then shal there be in *England* great confusion.

A maid shal come out of the South, with her people of strange conditions, there may no man say with mouth, how our mirth is turned into confusion. A Clerk shal die by proccesse of time and law, that never deserved the same I dare well say.

A Priest shal be deprived in a religious place, that shal be great sorrows to the Commons of *Kent*, Bishops and Lords shal die without grace, and a Lady for her lewdnesse fore shall be shent.

When the tower of *London* is white, and *East Smithfield* green, then shal be buried, or burnt, two Bishops, two Ladies, and a Queen.

Betwixt the departing of *April* and not much in *May*, shal the bull depart and passe away; but in that yeer shal be much ado, wals shal rise and arms beare, and to *Albin* go, which in proccesse of time shal turn to woe.

When the great estate shal be cast, then shal the Commons of *Kent* call on a Lady and a Queen, in hands shal be hent, and on a green brought forth of an Abbey, with faces and

fire they shall be burnt; then shall be peace for many a day.

O *England*, to thee I speak and say, that the true Lord and righteous shall destroy both the tongue and people, by strange folke, and far Nations; that is to say, by rustical *Scots*, and *Flemings*, *Red-shankes*, and *Danes*; thus saith *Bridgins*.

The mighty men of power shall go away from their seats or places, and they which did walk in darkness, shall be lift up or relieved.

The beast of the West, and the Lyon of the West, shall subdue all the world, the order of the Mendicants and many other seats shall be set at naught.

*The Prophecie of Merlin.*

Before 1600. be compleat fully, the blood of King *Arthur*, and the blood royal shall low shall be, and great branches shall spring out of the South; a Rose shall be portrayed upon a wall, the swan shall be set brooded upon her nest, the cock from the beam with his hens shall fall, the Gripe shall sleepe in the Lyons dens, the Pye shall chatter in new array, the More-henne that sometimes breedeth in the Fen, shall waile and weepe both night and day; woe worth the Lyon as red as blood, for he shall rampe and roar full fore, the Eagle then to pacifie his moode, shall present to him the head of a Bore or Bare; the dead man some time buried in sight, shall rise and set them out of doubt or dreed; the Woolfe shall drive the Hare for cold, into the mew to hide her head, the Grey-hound shall start there a mighty chase, the Talbot yet that ever true, shall take the Hare then by the face, the Kite he shall one begin to mew, the dreadful Dragon out of the West, shall take a flight over water and Land, and fray the Crane from his nest; the Raven for dreed in the Church shall stand, the Hawke shall swim in *Milford Haven*, but few English men in *London* then shall be, well is he that can sing a masse, but green leaves on Churches shall flie, and many shall cry for lack of grace; the Hart then shall run at libertie, the Grey-hound shall course both Priest and Clerke, but of these things be brought to passe in *England*, shall be a marvellous worke.

*A fearefull foresight that on us will light.*

When a white hog shall come out of the East, and a red Unicorn out of the West, then men shall see great wonders in the skie, the Bire and the Grey-hound shall leap on high, then shall Charing Crosse sweat with blood, and *Michael* in *Essex*, shall want his food; then shall come broad-foot with a long taile, and *Bullington* green shall sweat for feare, the blew Cow and the Mold-warp reel, shall then carry his Crown on his head, the horse and the mule in plain day light, shall kick at each other, and fiercely fight; then tandra rara the wild man shall cry, the Buck and the Hare shall begin to flie; then shall come out of *Cumberland*, the white Bull of *Osney* with a great band, Sir *Harry Baland* shall offer both wine and beere, and he shall make all freshmen good chere; then shall great *Brewmond* from *Fa land* come, an Ape with a clog he shall lead in a thong, then *Dunsmore Heash* shall shine like brasse, and all *Warwickshire* shall sigh apace; then shall a pilgrim in a gray cote, faile out of the South in a little bore, a bag (or badge) on his neck he shall carry, and he shall name himselfe great *Harry*; when the Fox and the Woolf together strive, then at them both he shall let drive; out of *Scotland* shall come a saddled Tit, but woe to him that on his back doth sit; from *Spaine* shall come six teeth in one hand, and he shall trouble both Sea and Land: the Irish Apes shall be false God wor, and wil doe much teene and make a great blot, but they shall all be slaine by *Harry*, and he to *Newgate* shall them carry, an Eagle shall then be sold for a pound, and all kind of meate most hard shall be found; then every man shall get him a hold, and Iron and Steel shall be dearer then Gold: then shall a blew Cote among the holes green, such a Yeoman was never seen, whom no man before for worthy did thinke, twice *Stafford* and *Tamworth* what *Harry* shall linke, most men to him for counsel shall run, whom they before did thinke to be dumb; then the Elephant his tusks shall whet, and through *Cornewall* shall he be set, he shall lean on three pillars strong, til the men shall cut out his tongue, when he cannot speak much harme wil he do, and wil almost run the Land clean through, til the same Yeoman that almost 40 yeares did sleepe, shall by craft him take, and in prison him keep, woe to that for that did hare this man, for now fro himselfe all hope is gone; this fellow shall fet up by his counsel good, great *Harry* that is come of an ancient hlood; then shall all the Land for a while joy and sing, wondring at so marvellous a thing.

There shal be a great battel in the moneth of *May*, another shal be in *Midsummer* moon, about the four wels, nigh the Castle of *care*, the black abbey and the new parke; in the next moneth shal be the third field, and it shal begin at *Dunsmore Heath*, and end at *Charing Croft*, and who-soever shal live to see tyme *Katherine* married, shal see a sheaf of Arrowes sold for 10 s. and there shal be cryed 8<sup>d</sup> 10<sup>d</sup> 12<sup>d</sup> 16<sup>d</sup> 20<sup>d</sup> and 2 s. a day; and for all that great wages, there shal not be any to defend the King.

A King shal reign which shal have of all goods plenty, and in this Land he shal have great praifing, till the time that he shal suffer his people to live in too great pride, without chastening, wherefore God will be wrath; then shal rise up a Dragon out of the North, that fiercely shal move war against the *Moldwarpe*, and shal bid him battel upon a stone: this Dragon and the Woolfe shal binde their tailes together; then shal come a Lyon out of *Ireland*, that shal fall in company with them; then shal the Lyon tremble that is called *England*, and in that time Castles shal fall downe into the Thamesse, and it shal seeme that Severn is dry, for the dead bodies that in that shal lye, and the four floods of *England* shal run blood and braine; but he that shal arise after the *Moldwarpe* shal fly, for the Dragon, the Lyon, and the Woolfe shal drive them away, and the *Moldwarpe* shal have no manner of power, but onely a ship wherein he shal wend his way; and after he shal come into this Land, when the Sea is withdrawn; and after he shal live in sorrow all his life time, then the hot bathes shal be cold, and after that the *Moldwarpe* shal dye venturously and suddenly; alas for sorrow he shal be diowned in a flood of the Sea, his seed shal be furtherlesse in another Land for evermore; and then shal the Land that is called *England* be departed in three parts for evermore, betwixt the Dragon, the Lyon, and the Woolfe, and then it shal be called the Land of conquest, and so shal end the right Heires of *England*.

There shal be a battel in the fields of *Northampton*, between the red Dragon, the Gore, and the Bull, on the one partie, and the Beare, and the Burrow Hogge on the other party, where the Dragon shal be taken, the Bull shal flie, and the Goat shal be slaine, then two children shal strive for the Crown, which battel shal last three years.

Between the chiefe of summer, and the sad of winter, happen shal warres, wher time three summers fall in one; then shal be found neither Monke ne Fryer, Parson nor Priest to helpe by prayer.

*P.* and *A.* shal be pierced and pricked with a penbrook and do wel again.

A Bare of a Land shal stretch forth his paw, and presse at *P.* and *A.* his hand masse shal he, to do as he would, and cast himself back sixteen fold, then murmure and mischief, and blood shal ensue, and such treasons espied, that all Brittain shal rue.

*Edward Apowell* saith, the tongue of the Lyon shal cleave to the roofe of her mouth, and the arrow that shal strike her is death, and she shal have no time to have inward repentance, but shal deliver her soul to the merits of man; then shal the bright cleare shining begin, and the early winter also passe.

*Thomas Gurneth* saith, that an arrow shal smite the Lyon, that she shal never recover it.

*Robert Blaake* saith, a dead man shal rise, and a King whose generation was of a dun Cow that did generate him out of the Sea; and this King shal be governed with an Angel: up *Edward* the sixth, the time is come, the prophetic saith, the unringed swine shal thou root out, and God saith, thou Son of man, thou must aswage thy pride, and muzzle the ravening Wolves that preacheth mens Dreames; then the most part of people shal say where are they, clean gone, and consumed in one Yeare.

The Son of man after the third sorrow, he shal occupie the sword, and give straight commandment to kill all that were with the Pye, and the Pickard, and the Fulmar; for all those which shal be killed are to be known by the mark, and then shal be many a bloody day, and the Lyon shal hur the Bore out of his den.

When a green tree shal bleed, and an Angel shal bleed to death, and the yellow Lyon shal suffer execution, and all the affinitie of the bloody Pies, immediately shal the man enjoy his own wife again, and the head of the world shal be clean banished away for evermore, and the child with the chaplet shal enter, and claime his own honour.

A Bishop being no Gentleman, shal enjoy the Crown for one yeare, and use it as he list, and in 28. dayes shal be bring many wonders to passe.



*Griffin Tregorb* saith, a Lion shalbe generate out of the sea, by the full strength and nature of a don Cow, and the Lion shalbe governed with an Angel, which Angel shal bleed to death, and within 53. this Lion sha be gone, but few shal finde whiche, and he shalbe away months, and after he shal execute justice in his fathers house, and that which is dark, he shal make light, and he shal make a free way into the *Holy Land*.

*Mãrked Apowet* saith, he shalbe the strong Bul that shal enter in the early winter, and he shal destroy the head of the head of the world, and by this token shal you know him, for he shal never be born of a woman, and his name shalbe *Edward*, out of the house of *Tydworth*; he shalbe lacking eighteen score daies, and three score daies, and forty daies, and then he shal enter into *Brittain* with three grievous beasts, a red Lion, a red Dragon, and a white Greyhound, and the Sun and of the Moon shal rejoyce.

*William a Griffith op Edward* saith, this is the foure score and eleventh of the house of *Sydworth*, and *Eward* is his name, and he sha be crowned twice in *England*, and once at *Rome*.

*Dauy Trenor* saith, the same Lion shal never be destroyed by no kinde of enemy.

*John op Robert win* saith, the son of man is called by a common proverb, *Ababaden oberman*, fro the house of *Tydworth*, come out of the Isle, and in professing of him they shal kill his mother, and yet shal have her blessing, and the blessing of the *Brittains*, and he shal make glad the people that are out-casts in those daies; he shal labour to see the seed of the Eagle, but he shal never see him, nor no man after in *Brittain*; and he shal make a swift requiring for the Shepherds that he lef in his first estate, and restore every man to his own living, and establish a law in *Brittain*; then he shal go forth to conquer, and shal plant a true Religion in six Kingdoms, and make one universal peace throughout all the world.

*Thomas Becket* calleth him a worthy King, in beauty like to an Angel, that shal win the holy Crosse.

When sice hath the victory, then shal *Brittain* be merry and glad, and be called the Land of conquest.

A dead man shal arise, and take sword in hand, and sixteen yeers he shal rule *England*; He shal rise at the age of a hundred and two, and many miracles shal he do.

The childe with the Chapley, born on Midsummer day, shal come in between *John* and *James*, and shal bring snow on his helmet, and he shalbe 31. yeers old and shal come out of the Land of *Cicli*, with an old Cock, and he shal come in at *Barwick*, and the Northern men shal drive him back into *Scotland* to a town; then the Cock shal clap his wings and crow, and come to the battell on *Brankmre*, and the Star shal set upon him, and the moou shal light on *Brankmre*, and shine until the day of doome.

With her fellows shal forrowfully die, she shal betake her self to the tower of *Julius Caesar*, where she shal think to be safe, but a Dragon shal put her to confusion; which Dragon shalbe at *Charing Crosse*, when his taile shalbe at *Westchster*; there shal go out of *London* twenty times thousand. of the Popes Knights to fight with the Dragon, but the Dragon shal smite them down so fast with her taile, that there shal but three thousand of them return.

The Rook, the Cockle, and the Crevis, shal land in *Ireland*, and to them shal resort all the grievous fishes of the sea; look who giveth the ragged staff in *England*, he shal let them in, and die for his labour, and all that do stand by him. Then shal they come ten miles into *England*, and rest ten daies, and then ten miles further, and rest ten daies more, and then ten miles further, and rest ten daies more; so there is thirty miles and thirty daies. Then shal they come to a well, where they shal raise the devil of hel; then shal the Dragon, the Woolf, and the Bire, close their tails together, then shal the Bear come forth of the Buis belly, and the Moon shal light the Bul with the gilt horns, and the streaming star the most part of all the west part of *England*, and the North they shal spread; then shal the Rose flow, and the Swan swim upon the high ground by the wheat care; betwix the hammer and the hound, the right of *England* shalbe found. Then shal come 1600. Lords, Knights, and Barons that be bold, shal come forth at *Helborn*, but or they come to *Hounslow* heath, their hearts shalbe cold; then shal the white Lion, the false Sobart, the Fulmar, and the Gripe, with many other, shal there be slain; then shal the Beare shake his chain, that all *Troy* shal tremble and quake for feare of a dead man, when they heare him speak. Then shal the gentle Falcon and the



barefoot hen set their tallons on *Newgate*, that al *Newgate* shal shake; then *Kent* and *Essex* shal laugh, and do honour and worship, and the *Thames* shal run bloud three daies and three nights, as red as a rose, for the death of the Elephant with the long nose.

Before the righteous bore do rise, most of the wars shalbe ended, and then he shal see all things right; then there shalbe three great battels, the first shalbe about *Newcastle* upon *Tyne*, another about the three wels neer *Nottingham*, and the third shalbe at *Charing Crosse*, and there shalbe the end made, and after that there shalbe no field that shal grieve *Eng* and; but before the King do arise, there shal an Angel appeare unto him, and God Almighty shal give him wit and wisdom, better then he had ever before, and give him his fight again, for when he was in *Banbury*, the pox did ear out the sight of his right eye. A Lady shal appear to him, and bid him arise, courteous knight, and destroy my morning guest; and he to her shal say again, forsooth, and forsooth, we have no money; and then she shal say again, that he shal lack nothing, and shal give him his own sword that he was wont to have; and the fifteen Kings shal obey him, and shal deliver to him their crowns, for the most worthy, and he shalbe called, the Bore of holinesse, and a man of great mercy; and mightily shal he conquer and drive our Aliens then being in this Land. Then shal he stand upon a hill, and weep to see the great murder of these Aliens, and other people that there shalbe slain; and he shal go to *Calice*, and strengthen them.

King Arthur asked Merlin how many dangerous yeers were to come.

Answer.

Some say we shal have three dangerous yeers, Shortly after the Realm shalbe without King  
But I say we shal have 4. or else these be liars, or Queens,

Because there is a token to know the evil,

The white Dragon shalbe so great with the devil,

You shal see or it be long time without any

Al fallshood set up without any blame,

And churches spoiled most piteously, (sorry,

That al the people of God wil lament and be

And for a season the houses of hospitality

Shalbe taken away, the more is the pity:

Also many a man by compulsion

Shalbe driven for fear to hide his crown.

And then so many new laws in this Land shal

be used,

That the true fear of God shal be greatly de-

Great wonder in those daies shal it be to see

And hear the translation of Gods word truly.

With suddain death, that then shal come,

That *England* shal fear it al and some.

And after that great plagues shal fall,

That the whole Realm shalbe sad al,

Payments shalbe required to presse the com-

monalty,

And the sword of justice taken clean away

The Prince not daring for fear to stand,

Against this cruelty that remains in *England*.

Moreover, the poor beggar that doth ask for

Gods sake,

Suddenly shal lose half his money that he doth

In the year of our Lord God M.D.LX. & nine

Al people shalbe ful sad then I ween,

And shal so continue a year and more;

Til God do send appointment thereof.

And almost destroyed cleerly it shalbe seen;

But God of his great mercy and grace,

Save the Realm from Tyrants case;

For before the river of faith be turn'd again,

There shalbe great trouble, malice, and pain.

Then a Parliament needs must be,

Wherein shalbe much diversity.

The former that followeth after ward,

Beware *Dutchmen* play not a false part,

For verily, I say, without any doubt,

That seven Nations work round about;

The which shal obtain their purpose,

For all their malice shalbe for the Rose.

Then *T* of so faire shal tremble and quake,

Nor without cause for some mens sake;

Secrets shal run with blood and brain,

And many men then shalbe slain.

Then the Bull had need to look about,

And beware of a Dragon that is stiff and stout,

For the dreadful Dragon that hath been so

long in den,

(ny men; From the Northwest with him shal bring ma-

He shal enter the court by water and land,

And no man may against him stand.

Then shal there be an enterprife,

And many men soon shal arise; (might,

*Spaniards* and *Danes* wil come with all their

But nothing shal they do but hold the light.

An Eagle shal arise with a bird bolt then,

The Faulcon and the Grey soon shalbe slain.

On the Moore in *Bushbury*

Then wil they towards London with all their might, Which here may not be named for pitty,  
 And the Bote shall meet them with strong fight, With great number of Commons and Spirits;  
 The Moon and the Mullir shall go together, And before that day do cleane passe, (alry;  
 And there shalbe sore fight one with another; For sorrow and care that they have seen,  
 The Bull shall steal away, and to the Castle of And for fear and trouble that they are in,  
 Care flie, He that can speak then verily,  
 And from thence over the sea wil he. Three words of Welch, wel shalbe set by.  
 Then look no more for him in England, Then there shalbe made our of hand,  
 For he shal die in the *Hol*, Land. Three hundred Allies in England,  
 Then two children shal strive for the crown, And many houses of hospitaliry  
 The wars shal last thre yeers up and down, To relieve the poor and needy.  
 Then these two children shal fight manfully, Then England shal ful merry be,  
 Where through shalbe slain young Nobility, And al the Realms in *Christendee*.

## F I N I S.

Thus said the son of *Elias*, the world consisteth of 6000. yeers, 1000. void, 2000. the law, the *Messias*, or *Christ*: But our sins which are many thele yeers, are overpassed or shortened, *Hic jaces Aethur Rex quondam, Rex quam futurum*. Or of the Lion named *Edward Twisse*, crowned in England, and once in Rome; or he that was before dead and buried, *Twisse*, to recover his crown again shal truly rise, or the moon the sway; but at last losing her light for presuming. Or the Dragon at *Charing-crosse*, his taile lying not comene to *Westchefer*; the Dragons taile in Ireland, his head lying in *Stanford*; or the Dragons head in *Troy*, his taile lying in *Leicester*; or *Troy* untrue shal tremble and quake, for feare of him that many men dreads. When a dead man shal arise again and speak, the 24. *Alchemen* shal lose their heads; or *Lincolne* was, London is, and *York* shalbe. For so in the same year 88. three other eclipses also doth fal; you shal have two of them in one month: And what is more, the sun shalbe eclipsed the 19. day of *February*, at the change; and shortly after at the very next ful; namely, the second day of *March*: Then shal follow a total Eclipse.

The victorious King shal conquer these Realms following.

England, Scotland, Ireland, Denmark, Friesland, Swinland, Norway, Brittain, France, Flanders, Spain, Normandy, Germany, Castile, Cullabour, Italy, and Hungary, and all *Christendome*, &c. shall be crowned Emperour of Rome. Also he shall conquer *Athe*, *Burgundy*, *Barbery*, *Cullen*, *Arroyer*, *Aragon*, and all *Greece*; and he shal slay the *Turke*, and win *Constantinople*, *Troy*, *Media*, *Persia*, *Macedon*, *Prince Payle Palastie*, *Pemenay*, *Mesopotamia*, *Egypt*, *Arabia*, *India*, *Russia*, *Capadocia*, *Babylon*, *Jerusalem*, and all *Jury*, and he shal win the holy Crosse, and bring it into *Christian* mens hands, and make free way to the *Holy Land*, and set universal peace throughout the whole world.

It was prophecied by *Anne Ancres* in *Sheffields* daies, that England should be destroyed divers waies, first by the *Danes*, secondly by the *Normans*, and lastly by them that they think the unworthiest men.

He that doth feel no misfortune in the year 95. And in 96. doth remain alive;  
 He being in 97. unhurt and unslain, And in 98. alive doth remain,  
 And living until 99. May speak of a joyful time.

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